

Lcrash HOWTO

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This document describes **lcrash**, the Linux crash dump analyzer.

Most commercial UNIX systems have a feature that dumps the real storage to disk in case of a system crash. Afterwards a dump–analysis tool is used to analyze such dumps of the system's memory state at the time of the system crash.

A team at SGI has worked on extensions of the Linux Kernel to provide such a dump feature for GNU/Linux. They called their project Linux Kernel Crash Dumps (LKCD). The analysis tool **lcrash** (Linux Crash) is a part of LKCD.

Please refer to [the LKCD Project Home Page](#). The LKCD code was released under the GNU General Public License (GPL) and it is available from [sourceforge](#).

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1. About lcrash

When your Linux system completely crashes or hangs the last thing you can do is to take a system memory dump and afterwards inspect the dump to identify the problem. Inspecting the dump you can use lcrash – the Linux crash dump analyzer.

lcrash is part of the lkcd project which was initiated by SGI. Please refer to the [Project Home Page](#) for details regarding this project.

lcrash has a command line interface with simple command line editing, history mechanism and – in recent versions – command line completion. Even a graphical interface exists for lcrash. It is called **qlcrash** and resides also at [sourceforge](#).

Some important features of lcrash are:

- kernel structures are displayed in C-like fashion,
 - virtual to physical address translation is automatically performed,
 - kernel modules are supported when analyzing a dump.
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1.2. About this HOWTO

This documentation was written because there was no document describing the usage of **lcrash**. It was started in June 2001. After creation of first draft versions written in LaTeX it was decided to use sgml and DocBook 4.1 in order to be compliant with the LDP (Linux Documentation Project). At this step not only the conversion from TeX to DocBook was made but there were also added a couple of sections.

This HOWTO covers **lcrash** version as of LKCD version 4.0.

The documentation is split into several chapters. The next chapter gives information of where to get the code, and how to compile and install the program. In [Chapter 3](#) the general usage of **lcrash** is described. [Chapter 4](#) is a reference of lcrash commands. Besides descriptions of all lcrash commands there are also provided many examples for several commands.

To complete the practical benefit of the documentation a [Chapter 5](#) was included, which describes how to use **lcrash** in special situations of analyzing Linux kernel dumps.

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Chapter 2. Installation

2.1. Where to get the code

As mentioned earlier, lcrash is part of LKCD. You can download packages containing the lcrash version of LKCD 4.0 from [sourceforge](#) in form of:

- [a source rpm package](#),
 - [a rpm package containing binaries for i386](#).
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2.2. Install rpm packages

To install the binary package, you can use:

```
bash# rpm -ivh lkcdutils-4.0-1.i386.rpm
```

This should install lcrash properly. No further installation steps are required.

Installation of source rpm is done using:

```
bash# rpm -ihv lkcdutils-4.0-1.src.rpm
```

This should install `lkcdutils-4.0-1.tar.gz` and `lkcdutils.spec` somewhere under `/usr/src`. On my SuSE system the files are saved under `/usr/src/packages/SOURCES/` and `/usr/src/packages/SPECS/`.

Now you can build and install lkcdutils using:

```
bash# cd /usr/src/packages/SPECS/
bash# rpm -bi lkcdutils.spec
```

Lcrash should know be built and installed properly as `/sbin/lcrash`. The lkcdutils source tree, which contains the lcrash sources, can be found under `/usr/src/packages/BUILD/lkcdutils-4.0/`.

2.3. Compile and Install lcrash

If you have installed the lcrash sources, you can build lcrash using:

```
bash$ cd lkcdutils-4.0
bash$ ./configure
bash$ make
```

Installation of lcrash and all other programs of lkcdutils package is done with:

```
bash# make install
```

This installs lcrash as /sbin/lcrash.

2.4. LKCD CVS Repository

The current code of LKCD and hence the newest lcrash sources are located at [sourceforge](#).

Of course you can receive lcrash source code directly from cvs. To do so you can run: (Simply press **Enter**, when asked for a password.)

```
bash$ cvs -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.lkcd.sourceforge.net:/cvsroot/lkcd login  
(Logging in to anonymous@cvs.lkcd.sourceforge.net)  
CVS password:  
bash$ cvs -z3 -d:pserver:anonymous@cvs.lkcd.sourceforge.net:/cvsroot/lkcd co -d lkcdutils_today lkcd
```

From this point you can follow instructions given in [Section 2.3](#) to compile and install lcrash.

When using recent lcrash versions from cvs, please keep in mind, that this documentation may not yet reflect latest changes of lcrash.

Chapter 3. General Usage

3.1. Invoking Lcrash

Three input files are needed for **lcrash**:

- a map file providing the symbol table of the Kernel,
- a dump file containing the image of a system's memory to be analyzed,
- an object file in "stabs" debug format providing information of Kernel data types.[\[1\]](#)

Currently **lcrash** uses positional arguments. To invoke **lcrash** you can use the following command line:
lcrash symbol-table dump-file kern-types

Lcrash knows defaults for its arguments. They are given in table [Table 3–1](#).

Table 3–1. Default values

Parameter	Default
<i>symbol-table</i>	/boot/System.map
<i>dump-file</i>	/dev/mem
<i>kern-types</i>	/boot/Kerntypes

If you are happy with all default values you can call **lcrash** without any arguments – as shown in the following example.

Example 3–1. Starting Lcrash

```
bash# lcrash
map = /boot/System.map, vmdump = /dev/mem, outfile = stdout, kerntypes = /boot/Kerntypes

Please wait...
    Loading system map ..... Done.
    Loading type info (Kerntypes) ... Done.
    Loading ksyms from dump ..... Done.
>>
```

Lcrash only works correctly if *symbol-table*, *kern-types* and *dump-file* are from the same Kernel.

The *System.map* file is generated automatically when the Kernel is built. It contains symbol names of the Kernel and their corresponding Kernel addresses. Normally it is installed under */boot/System.map*.

The file */dev/mem* is used for analyzing the running Linux system. For parameter *dump-file* you can specify a file containing a dump that was generated with dump tools (see chapter [\ref{chapter:DumpTools}](#)).

The *Kerntypes* file is also generated in the Kernel build. But since *Kerntypes* is not in the standard Linux tree it is necessary to apply a specific "Kerntypes patch" before. The *Kerntypes* file is compiled with the *-gstabs* compile option which generates type information for all types defined in the *Kerntypes* source file. In the *Kerntypes* source file there are several includes for Kernel header files with important Kernel

structures.

The mentioned "Kerntypes patch" and the s390 dump tools can be downloaded from
http://oss.software.ibm.com/developerworksopensource/linux390/exp_src.html

3.2. User Interface

Lcrash provides a command line interface. This comes with basic command line editing and history mechanism, which will be described here.

3.2.1. History Mechanism

The default history size is 100 command lines and the maximum history size is 1000. Command line length is restricted to 1024 characters. To view history list or to change number of lines in history use the lcrash command \htmlref{'history'}{cmd:history}. An explanation of the history mechanism is given in [Table 3–2](#).

Table 3–2. Command Line History

!!	Refer to the previous command. By itself, this substitution repeats the previous command.
!n	Refer to command line <i>n</i> .
!-n	Refer to the current command line minus <i>n</i> .
!str	Refer to the most recent command starting with <i>str</i> .

3.2.2. Command Line Editing

Supported keys for line editing are given in [Table 3–3](#)

Table 3–3. Command Line Keys

Ctrl-W	delete to previous word
Ctrl-D	delete current character
Ctrl-A	goto start of line
Ctrl-E	goto end of line
Ctrl-F	forward one character
Ctrl-B	backward one character
Ctrl-H	delete previous character
Ctrl-N	down history
Ctrl-K	erase to end of line (from cursor)
Ctrl-L	clear screen and redisplay prompt
Ctrl-P	up history
Ctrl-U	erase to beginning of line (from cursor)

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Ctrl-R	redraw input line
Esc-F	forward one word
Esc-B	backward one word
Esc-D	delete next work
Esc-Del	delete previous word

Chapter 4. Lcrash Command Reference

4.1. Command Overview

Lcrash provides a whole bunch of commands. For some commands synonyms are provided. Furthermore the behavior of commands may be platform dependent or even a command is not available on a platform. A short overview of lcrash commands is given in table [Table 4–1](#).

The following subsections explain lcrash commands in more detail. The commands can be grouped as shown in table [Table 4–2](#) – hopefully this helps not to loose the overall view of the commands.

Table 4–1. Overview of lcrash commands

Command	Description	Aliases	alpha	i386	ia64	s390(x)
base	Display a number in binary, octal, decimal, and hex.		x	x	x	x
deftask	Set/display the default task.	dt	x	x	x	x
dis	Display the disassembled code.	id	x	x	x	x
dump	Display dump.	md, od	x	x	x	x
findsym	Display symbol information for given symbol addresses and names.	fsym, symbol	x	x	x	x
help	Display command help.	?	x	x	x	x
history	Set/display command history of lcrash.	h	x	x	x	x
ldcmds	Dynamically load a library of lcrash commands.		x	x	x	x
livedump	Create a system dump from live system memory.		x	x	x	x
load	Load a sial macro.		x	x	x	x
mktrace	Construct a stack backtrace from scratch.			x		
mmap	Display information for mm_struct structs.		x	x	x	x
module	Display information for module structs.		x	x	x	x
namelist	Add type information from namelist, list opened namelists.	nmlist, addtypes	x	x	x	x
page	Display information for page structs.		x	x	x	x
print	Evaluate and print expressions.	p,pb, pd,po, px	x	x	x	x
quit	Exit lcrash.	q, q!	x	x	x	x
report	Display a crash dump report.		x	x	x	x

s390dbf	Display Debug logs.					x
sizeof	Determine size of types. Display offset of struct members.	offset	x	x	x	x
stat	Display system statistics and the log_buf array.		x	x	x	x
strace	Displays all complete and unique stack traces.		x	x	x	x
syntab	Add/remove/list symbol table information.		x	x	x	x
task	Display information for task_struct structs.	ps	x	x	x	x
trace	Display stack trace for task_struct.	t	x	x	x	x
unload	Unload sial macros.		x	x	x	x
vi	Start a vi session of a sial file/function.		x	x	x	x
vtop	Determine the physical address of an virtual one.		x	x	x	x
walk	Walk a linked list of kernel structures or memory blocks.		x	x	x	x
whatis	Display type information and symbol information.		x	x	x	x

Table 4–2. Classification of lcrash commands

General Purpose	base, help, history, ldcmds, quit
Data Inspection	dis, dump, print, vtop, walk
Accessing Symbol and Type Information	findsym, namelist, sizeof, syntab, whatis
Support for Special Structures	deftask, mmap, module, page, task
Stack Tracing	mktrace, strace, trace,
Sial Support	load, unload, vi
Other Commands	livedump, report, s390dbf, stat

4.2. Common Options

Most lcrash commands have two things in common:

1. Command output can be piped to normal shell commands like **less** or **grep**.
2. They support the option **-w** to write output to a file.

To pipe the output of a command to **less**, just specify **lcrash_command | less**. Take care to use a blank before the pipe symbol, otherwise it could be misinterpreted by lcrash.

When using **lcrash_command -w *filename***, lcrash appends the output of the executed command to the file *filename*.

4.3. base

Usage

```
base [-w outfile] numeric_values[s]
```

Description

Display a number in binary, octal, decimal, and hexadecimal. A number in a radix other than decimal should be preceded by a prefix that indicates its radix as follows:

0x	hexadecimal
0	octal
0b	binary

Example 4–1. base

```
>> base 4711 0x4711 04711 0b1000
-----
    hex: 0x1267
decimal: 4711
    octal: 011147
  binary: 0b1001001100111
-----
    hex: 0x4711
decimal: 18193
    octal: 043421
  binary: 0b100011100010001
-----
    hex: 0x9c9
decimal: 2505
    octal: 04711
  binary: 0b100111001001
-----
    hex: 0x8
decimal: 8
    octal: 010
  binary: 0b1000
```

4.4. deftask

Alias

dt

Usage

```
deftask [-w outfile] [task]
```

Description

Set the default task if one is indicated. Otherwise, display the current value of deftask. When 'lcrash' is run on a system core dump, deftask gets set automatically to the task that was active when the system PANIC occurred. When 'lcrash' is run on a live system, deftask is not set by default.

The deftask value is used by 'lcrash' in a number of ways. The trace command will display a trace for the default task if one is set. Also, the translation of certain virtual addresses (user space) depends upon deftask being set.

Note

Currently there is no possibility to reset the default task.

Example 4-2. deftask

```
>> task
ACTIVE TASKS:
=====
 ADDR   UID   PID   PPID  STATE    FLAGS  NAME
 =====
 18e000    0     0     0     0        0  swapper
 5b0000    0     1     0     1      100  init
 5a8000    0     2     1     1       40  kmcheck
 59a000    0     3     1     1       40  keventd
 57c000    0     4     1     1      840  kswapd
 57a000    0     5     1     1      840  kreclaimd
 578000    0     6     1     1       40  bdflush
 576000    0     7     1     1       40  kupdated
 6edc000    0   231     3     1       40  keventd
 6ed0000    1   287     1     1      140  portmap
 6e60000    0   349     1     1       40  syslogd
 779a000    0   363     1     1      140  klogd
 6d54000    0   401     1     1      140  inetd
 6a0a000   100   448     1     1       40  xfs
 7ac0000    0   467     1     1        0  sulogin
 6948000    0   468   401     1      100  in.telnetd
 68f8000    0   469   468     1      100  login
 67e4000    0   470   469     1      100  bash
 61c8000    0   522   470     0      100  lcrash
=====
19 active task structs found

>> trace
System is ACTIVE. Set deftask.

>> deftask
No default task set

>> deftask 68f8000
```

```

Default task is 0x68f8000

>> trace
=====
STACK TRACE FOR TASK: 0x68f8000 (login)

STACK:
0 schedule+1076 [0x1c590]
1 sys_wait4+1050 [0x23fc6]
2 pgm_system_call+34 [0x130d0]
=====

>> deftask
Default task is 0x68f8000

```

4.5. dis

Usage

```
dis [-f] [-w outfile] [-F funcname]|addr[count|[bcount acount]]
```

Description

Display the disassembled code for addr for count instructions (the default count is 1). Alternately, display the disassembled code for addr with bcount instructions before and acount instructions after. If bcount or acount is zero, then no instructions will be displayed before or after respectively. If the dis command is issued with the -f command line option, additional information will be displayed (opcode and byte size). If the dis command is issued with the -F option followed by funcname, disassembled code will be displayed for all instructions in the function.

Example 4–3. dis (i386)

```

>> dis -F memcmp
0xc0251878 <memcmp>:    pushl %esi
0xc0251879 <memcmp+1>:   pushl %ebx
0xc025187a <memcmp+2>:   movb $0x0,%al
0xc025187c <memcmp+4>:   movl 0x14(%esp,1),%esi
0xc0251880 <memcmp+8>:   movl 0xc(%esp,1),%ecx
0xc0251884 <memcmp+12>:  movl 0x10(%esp,1),%edx
0xc0251888 <memcmp+16>:  testl %esi,%esi
0xc025188a <memcmp+18>:  je    0xc02518a1 <memcmp+41>
0xc025188c <memcmp+20>:  jmp   0xc0251895 <memcmp+29>
0xc025188e <memcmp+22>:  movl %esi,%esi
0xc0251890 <memcmp+24>:  incl  %ecx
0xc0251891 <memcmp+25>:  incl  %edx
0xc0251892 <memcmp+26>:  decl  %esi
0xc0251893 <memcmp+27>:  je    0xc02518a1 <memcmp+41>
0xc0251895 <memcmp+29>:  movb (%edx),%al
0xc0251897 <memcmp+31>:  movb (%ecx),%bl
0xc0251899 <memcmp+33>:  subb %al,%bl
0xc025189b <memcmp+35>:  movb %bl,%al
0xc025189d <memcmp+37>:  testb %al,%al
0xc025189f <memcmp+39>:  je    0xc0251890 <memcmp+24>
0xc02518a1 <memcmp+41>:  movsb %al,%eax

```

```

0xc02518a4 <memcmp+44>:    popl   %ebx
0xc02518a5 <memcmp+45>:    popl   %esi
0xc02518a6 <memcmp+46>:    ret
0xc02518a7 <memcmp+47>:    nop

>> dis 0xc025188e 10 -f
0xc025188e <memcmp+22>:    0x0089  movl   %esi,%esi  (2 bytes)
0xc0251890 <memcmp+24>:    0x0041  incl   %ecx  (1 byte)
0xc0251891 <memcmp+25>:    0x0042  incl   %edx  (1 byte)
0xc0251892 <memcmp+26>:    0x004e  decl   %esi  (1 byte)
0xc0251893 <memcmp+27>:    0x0074  je     0xc02518a1 <memcmp+41>  (2 bytes)
0xc0251895 <memcmp+29>:    0x008a  movb   (%edx),%al  (2 bytes)
0xc0251897 <memcmp+31>:    0x008a  movb   (%ecx),%bl  (2 bytes)
0xc0251899 <memcmp+33>:    0x0028  subb   %al,%bl  (2 bytes)
0xc025189b <memcmp+35>:    0x0088  movb   %bl,%al  (2 bytes)
0xc025189d <memcmp+37>:    0x0084  testb  %al,%al  (2 bytes)

```

Example 4–4. dis (s390)

```

>> idis 00154d8c 19
0x154d8c <memcmp>:        lhi    %r0,0
0x154d90 <memcmp+4>:      lr     %r5,%r2
0x154d92 <memcmp+6>:      j      0x154da2 <memcmp+22>
0x154d96 <memcmp+10>:     ahi   %r5,1
0x154d9a <memcmp+14>:     ahi   %r3,1
0x154d9e <memcmp+18>:     ahi   %r4,-1
0x154da2 <memcmp+22>:     ltr   %r4,%r4
0x154da4 <memcmp+24>:     je    0x154dc0 <memcmp+52>
0x154da8 <memcmp+28>:     ic    %r0,0(%r5)
0x154dac <memcmp+32>:     ic    %r1,0(%r3)
0x154db0 <memcmp+36>:     sr    %r0,%r1
0x154db2 <memcmp+38>:     lr    %r2,%r0
0x154db4 <memcmp+40>:     sll   %r2,24
0x154db8 <memcmp+44>:     sra   %r2,24
0x154dbc <memcmp+48>:     je    0x154d96 <memcmp+10>
0x154dc0 <memcmp+52>:     lr    %r2,%r0
0x154dc2 <memcmp+54>:     sll   %r2,24
0x154dc6 <memcmp+58>:     sra   %r2,24
0x154dca <memcmp+62>:     br    %r14

```

4.6. dump

Alias

md,od

Usage

```
dump [-d] [-o] [-x] [-B] [-D] [-H] [-W] [-w outfile] addr [count]
```

Description

Display count values starting at kernel virtual address addr in one of the following formats: decimal (-d), octal (-o), or hexadecimal (-x). The default format is hexadecimal, and the default count is 1. If addr is preceded by a pound sign ('#'), it will be treated as a page number (PFN).

Note

Output of dump command depends on endianess of the host platform. E.g. on i386 lcrash will show words, half-words and double-words in little endianess. In conclusion on little endian platforms only the option -B will force lcrash to show you the bytes in the order as they really occur in the dump.

Example 4–5. dump

```
>> dump c02e4820 8 -o
0xc02e4820: 0000000011417432074 0000000017035267151
              0000000016231273040 00000000015633664563
0xc02e4830: 0000000006213431040 00000000004016030456
              0000000015733671050 0000000014524040164

>> dump c02e4820 8 -d
0xc02e4820: 01279145020 02020961897 01919252000 01852795251
0xc02e4830: 00841888288 00540553518 01869574696 01699758196

>> dump c02e4820 8 -x
0xc02e4820: 4c3e343c 78756e69 72657620 6e6f6973 : <4>Linux version
0xc02e4830: 322e3220 2038312e 6f6f7228 65504074 : 2.2.18 (root@Pe

>> dump c02e4820 8 -W
0xc02e4820: 4c3e343c 78756e69 72657620 6e6f6973 : <4>Linux version
0xc02e4830: 322e3220 2038312e 6f6f7228 65504074 : 2.2.18 (root@Pe

>> dump c02e4820 8 -B
0xc02e4820: 3c 34 3e 4c 69 6e 75 78 : <4>Linux

>> dump c02e4820 8 -H
0xc02e4820: 343c 4c3e 6e69 7875 7620 7265 6973 6e6f : <4>Linux version

>> dump c02e4820 8 -D
0xc02e4820: 78756e694c3e343c 6e6f697372657620 : <4>Linux version
0xc02e4830: 2038312e322e3220 655040746f6f7228 : 2.2.18 (root@Pe
0xc02e4840: 75732e6d7569746e 28202965642e6573 : ntium.suse.de) (
0xc02e4850: 7372657620636367 35392e32206e6f69 : gcc version 2.95
```

4.7. findsym

Alias

fsym,symbol

Usage

```
findsym
    symname | symaddr [symname | symaddr [...]]
    -f string [...]
    [-w outfile]
```

Description

Display relevant information for each requested symbol name and/or symbol address.

OPTIONS:

```
symname | symaddr [symname | symaddr [...]]
    Search symbol information for given symbol names and addresses.
-f string [...]
    Search symbol information for symbols which names start with given
    strings. Use this version if you don't know the full symbol name.
```

Example 4–6. findsym

```
>> findsym 0xc0150000
    ADDR  OFFSET   TYPE        NAME
=====
c0150000      144  GLOBAL_TEXT  ext2_truncate
=====
1 symbol found

>> findsym ext2_truncate
    ADDR  OFFSET   TYPE        NAME
=====
c014ff70      0   GLOBAL_TEXT  ext2_truncate
=====
1 symbol found

>> findsym 0xc0300000 init_mm module_list 0xc02f0000 memcmp
    ADDR  OFFSET   TYPE        NAME
=====
c0300000     480  GLOBAL_DATA  ip_masq_d_table
c02a90a0      0   GLOBAL_DATA  init_mm
c02ad128     0   GLOBAL_DATA  module_list
c02f0000    800  LOCAL_DATA   ro_bits
c0251878     0   GLOBAL_TEXT  memcmp
=====
5 symbols found
```

4.8. help**Alias**

?

Usage

```
help [-w outfile] [all | command_list]
```

Description

Display a description of the named functions, including syntax. The 'all' option displays help information for every command.

Example 4–7. help

```
>> help
?
base      id          p          sizeof
bt        ldcmds     page      stat
deftask   livedump    pb         strace
dis       load        pd         symtab
dt        md          po         t
dump      mmap        print     task
findsym   module      ps         trace
fsym      mt          px         unload
h         namelist    q          vi
help      nmlist      q!
history   od          quit      vtop
                   report     walk
                           whatis

>> ? h
command: history [n]
```

Without the optional parameter, displays the current history. Optional argument 'n' specifies the number of commands that are kept in the history list.

4.9. history

Alias

h

Usage

```
history [n]
```

Description

Without the optional parameter, displays the current history. Optional argument 'n' specifies the number of commands that are kept in the history list.

Note

To find out how the history mechanism works, please refer to [Section 3.2](#).

Example 4–8. history

```
>> history
 1: base 4711 0x4711 04711 0b1000
 2: help
 3: ? h

>> h 2

>> h
 2: help
 3: ? h
```

4.10. ldcmds**Usage**

```
ldcmds cmd_library
```

Description

Dynamically load a library of lcrash commands.

4.11. livedump**Usage**

```
livedump [-l level]
```

Description

Create a system dump from live system memory.

4.12. load**Alias****Usage**

```
load filename|directory
```

Description

Load a sial macro from a file or a directory. In the case of a directory, all files in that directory will be loaded.

4.13. mktrace

Platform Dependency

i386

Alias

mt

Usage

```
mktrace [-l] [-w outfile] [stack_addr SP PC FP RA] | [-F [-a] [free_list]]
```

Description

Construct a stack backtrace from scratch using an arbitrary stack_addr, SP, PC, FP, and RA. Alternately, free a trace record that was previously allocated, list currently allocated trace records, and delete selected or all active trace records.

4.14. mmap

Alias

Usage

```
mmap [-f] [-n] [-w outfile] mmap_list
```

Description

Display relevant information for each entry in mmap_list.

Example 4-9. mmap

```
>> task ce4ac000
    ADDR      UID      PID      PPID      STATE      FLAGS      NAME
=====
ce4ac000      4640     1966     1951        1          0      netscape
=====
1 active task struct found

>> print ((task_struct*)ce4ac000)->mm
0xc97e7540
```

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```
>> mmap 0xc97e7540
    ADDR MM_COUNT MAP_COUNT      MMAP
=====
c97e7540          1        40 c571fa60
=====
1 active mm_struct struct found

>> mmap -f 0xc97e7540
    ADDR MM_COUNT MAP_COUNT      MMAP
=====
c97e7540          1        40 c571fa60

    START_CODE:0x8048000, END_CODE:0x8b5d422
    START_DATA:0x0, END_DATA:0x8d4be68
    START_BRK:0x8d99664, START_STACK:0xbfffff210
    ARG_START:0xbfffff3a6, ARG_END:0xbfffff3b3
    TOTAL_VM:0x10ba

=====
1 active mm_struct struct found

>> mmap -n 0xc97e7540
    ADDR MM_COUNT MAP_COUNT      MMAP
=====
c97e7540          1        40 c571fa60

    ADDR VM_START   VM_END  VM_PGOFF VM_FLAGS
-----
c571fa60  8048000  8b5e000       0     1875
c571f220  8b5e000  8d4c000  11620352     1873
c571f320  8d4c000  8dce000       0      77
c571f2a0  40000000 40016000       0     875
c571f160  40016000 40017000     86016     873
c571f9e0  4002a000 4002b000       0      73
c571ff60  4002b000 4002c000       0      75
c59dfdf20 4002c000 4002d000       0      73
c571f0a0  4002d000 40076000       0      75
c59dfee0  40076000 4007a000  294912     73
c6582b20  4007a000 4007b000       0      73
c59df120  4007b000 40083000       0      75
c274d7e0  40083000 40085000  28672     73
c274d120  40085000 4009a000       0      75
c274dee0  4009a000 4009c000  81920     73
c274dd60  4009c000 4009d000       0      73
c274d9a0  4009d000 400b1000       0      75
c274da60  400b1000 400b2000  77824     73
c274dc60  400b2000 400b3000       0      73
c274daa0  400b3000 400c0000       0      75
c274dc20  400c0000 400c2000  49152     73
c274de20  400c2000 400cf000       0      75
c274dbe0  400cf000 400d0000  49152     73
c274d560  400d0000 401ad000       0      75
c274d660  401ad000 401b3000  901120     73
c274d5a0  401b3000 401b4000       0      73
c274dd20  401b4000 401b6000       0      75
c274db60  401b6000 401b7000  4096      73
c274da20  401b7000 401f0000       0      75
c274d8a0  401f0000 401fc000  229376     73
c274dea0  401fc000 401ff000       0      73
c274d860  401ff000 4021c000       0      75
c274db20  4021c000 4021d000  114688     73
c274dba0  4021d000 40326000       0      75
```

```
c274d760 40326000 4032c000 1081344      73
c274d060 4032c000 40330000          0      73
c274d2a0 50000000 50002000          0      70
c571f060 50002000 50012000        8192      77
c274d8e0 50012000 50014000       73728      70
c571fc60 bffffd000 c0000000      -8192     177
=====
=====
1 active mm_struct struct found
```

4.15. module

Usage

```
module
  [modulename]
  [-f [modulename]]
  [-i iteration_threshold]
  [-w outfile]
```

Description

Display list of loaded modules and module symbols.

OPTIONS:

modulename	Display information of (all) module structure(s) in linked list module_list of the kernel. Shows address of module structure, and size, usecount, name of module, and modules that depend on the module. Equals "cat /proc/modules" in a running Linux system.
-f [modulename]	Show list of exported module symbols of (all) module structure(s) in linked list module_list of the kernel. Equals "cat /proc/ksyms" in a running Linux system.
-i iteration_threshold	By default certain loops are interrupted after 10'000 iterations to avoid endless loops while following invalid pointers. Using this option you can change the threshold for the current command. A value '0' means infinite iteration threshold, i.e. no interruption of the loop is caused by reaching the threshold.

The kernel_module can be accessed by using "kernel_module" as modulename.

Example 4–10. module

```
>> module
    ADDR      SIZE USED NAME                      REFS
=====
d0103000    17928    1 ibmtr_cs                  []
d00fe000     6608    2 ds                        [ibmtr_cs]
d00f3000    23408    2 i82365                  []
d00e6000    46848    0 pcmcia_core              [ibmtr_cs
                                              ds]
```

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```
i82365]
c02ad0e0      0      1 kernel_module      []
=====
>> module pcmcia_core
    ADDR      SIZE USED NAME          REFS
=====
d00e6000    46848     0 pcmcia_core      [ibmtr_cs
                                         ds
                                         i82365]
=====

>> module pcmcia_core -f
EXPORTED MODULE SYMBOLS:
=====
Module: pcmcia_core
Number of exported symbols: 15

    ADDR NAME [MODULE]

d00e6120 register_ss_entry      [pcmcia_core]
d00e6290 unregister_ss_entry   [pcmcia_core]
d00e8d30 CardServices          [pcmcia_core]
d00ecb50 MTDHelperEntry        [pcmcia_core]
d00f0788 proc_pccard           [pcmcia_core]
d00eb800 request_mem_region   [pcmcia_core]
d00eb820 release_mem_region   [pcmcia_core]
d00f1618 pci_irq_mask          [pcmcia_core]
d00ef090 pci_enable_device    [pcmcia_core]
d00ef100 pci_set_power_state  [pcmcia_core]
d00e6000 __insmod_pcmcia_core_0/lib/modules/2.2.18/pcmcia/pcmcia_
core.o_M3A6ED7D0_V131602 [pcmcia_core]
d00e6060 __insmod_pcmcia_core_S.text_L37383 [pcmcia_core]
d00ef280 __insmod_pcmcia_core_S.rodata_L4779 [pcmcia_core]
d00f0740 __insmod_pcmcia_core_S.data_L3996 [pcmcia_core]
d00f16e0 __insmod_pcmcia_core_S.bss_L32  [pcmcia_core]
=====

>> module kernel_module -f -i 10
EXPORTED MODULE SYMBOLS:
=====
Module: kernel_module
Number of exported symbols: 825

    ADDR NAME [MODULE]
-----
0xc027a640 drive_info          [kernel_module]
0xc023e7c0 boot_cpu_data       [kernel_module]
0xc023e840 EISA_bus            [kernel_module]
0xc023e844 MCA_bus             [kernel_module]
0xc010f224 __verify_write      [kernel_module]
0xc0107680 dump_thread         [kernel_module]
0xc010e40c dump_fpu            [kernel_module]
0xc010e4b8 dump_extended_fpu  [kernel_module]
0xc010faf1c __ioremap           [kernel_module]
0xc010fafc iounmap              [kernel_module]
WARNING: Iteration threshold reached. Current threshold: 10.
Use "-i" to change threshold.
=====
```

4.16. namelist

Alias

addtypes,nmlist

Usage

```
namelist
      [-a namelist]
      [index_number]
```

Description

Add/list opened namelists, i.e. files with type information.

OPTIONS:

```
-a namelist
      Add type information of new namelist.
index_number
      Current namelist is set to given index_number.
```

If no arguments are given, display all currently opened namelists.
"addtypes" is an alias for "namelist -a".

Example 4-11. namelist

For a comprehensive example please refer to [Section 5.1](#).

```
>> namelist
INDEX  NAMELIST
=====
0  /boot/Kerntypes
=====

The current namelist is /boot/Kerntypes (0)

>> namelist -a /tmp/snd.o
/tmp/snd.o is not an object file
The current namelist is /tmp/snd.o (1)

>> namelist
INDEX  NAMELIST
=====
0  /boot/Kerntypes
1  /tmp/snd.o
=====

The current namelist is /tmp/snd.o (1)

>> namelist 0
The current namelist is /boot/Kerntypes (0)
```

4.17. page

Usage

```
page [-f] [-n] [-w outfile] [page_list]
```

Description

Display relevant information from the page struct for each entry in page_list. Entries in page_list can take the form of a page number (following a '#') or a virtual address of a page struct in memory. If no entries are specified, an entry for every page of physical memory will be displayed.

4.18. print

Aliases

p,pb, pd,po,px

Usage

```
print [-d] [-o] [-x] [-b] [-w outfile] expression
```

Description

Evaluate an expression and print the result. An expression can consist of numeric values, operators, typedefs, struct/union members, symbols, or a combination of the above. Following are some examples of valid expressions:

```
((((2*3+4/2)*2+(2/6))/2)  
((struct task_struct *)0xc5c14000)->comm  
(*((struct task_struct *)0xc5c14000)->files.fd).f_flags & 0x8000
```

The pd command is the same as the print command except that it forces all integers to be displayed as decimal values.

The px command is the same as the print command except that it forces all integers to be displayed as hexadecimal values.

The po command is the same as the print command except that it forces all integers to be displayed as octal values.

The pb command is the same as the print command except that it forces all integer values to be displayed as binary values. Note that only single values (numbers, members of structures, etc.) will be displayed in binary form. Integer values in complex data types such as structures will be displayed as decimal values.

4.19. quit

Aliases

`q, q!`

Usage

`quit`

Description

Exit lcrash. Note that `q` will prompt for confirmation unless a `!` is appended to the command line.

Example 4–12. quit

```
>> q
Do you really want to quit (y to quit) ? n
>> q!
```

4.20. report

Usage

`report [-w outfile]`

Description

Display a crash dump report. The report contains information about the system state when the kernel failure occurred.

4.21. s390dbf

Platform Dependency

`s390, s390x`

Usage

`s390dbf [-w outfile] [-v] [debug_log] [debug_log view]`

Description

Display Debug logs:

+ If called without parameters, all active debug logs are listed.

- + If called with '-v', all debug views which are available to 'lcrash' are listed.
 - + If called with the name of a debug log, all debug-views for which the debug-log has registered are listed. It is possible that some of the debug views are not available to 'lcrash' (see '-v' option).
 - + If called with the name of a debug-log and an available viewname, the specified view is printed.
-

4.22. sizeof

Alias

offset

Usage

```
sizeof
  type | structure.field [...]
  -o structure.field [...]
  [-w outfile]
```

Description

Display size of data types in bytes. Additionally display offsets for members of structs.

OPTIONS:

```
type | structure.field [...]
      Print size of types (basic types, structs, typedefs) or
      member of structures in bytes.
-o structure.field [...]
      Determine the member offset. Only arguments of the form
      'structure.field' are allowed.
```

To request size for multi-worded types (e.g. "short int") specify the type whithin "".

Note: An alias "offset" exists for the calling sequence "sizeof -o".

Example 4-13. sizeof

```
>> sizeof task_struct module_ref int double
Size of "task_struct": 1152 bytes
Size of "module_ref": 12 bytes
Size of "int": 4 bytes
Size of "double": 8 bytes

>> sizeof mem_map_t page pgd_t
Size of "mem_map_t": 40 bytes
Size of "page": 40 bytes
Size of "pgd_t": 4 bytes
```

```
>> sizeof page.next mem_map_t.index thread_struct.trace -o
Offset: 0 bytes.
Offset: 8 bytes.
Offset: 100 bytes.

>> sizeof "long long unsigned int" "short int" "long double"
Size of "long long unsigned int": 8 bytes
Size of "short int": 2 bytes
Size of "long double": 12 bytes

>> sizeof "short unsigned int" mm_struct.count task_struct -o
ERROR: Could not determine offset for short unsigned int.
Offset: 16 bytes.
ERROR: Could not determine offset for task_struct.
```

4.23. stat

Usage

```
stat [-w outfile]
```

Description

Display system statistics and the log_buf array, which contains the latest messages printed via the kernel printf/cmn_err routines.

Example 4–14. stat (s390)

```
>> stat

    sysname : Linux
    nodename : (none)
    release : 2.4.2-0tape-dasd
    version : #7 SMP Mon Apr 30 15:47:23 CEST 2001
    machine : s390
    domainname : (none)

LOG_BUF:

    <4>Linux version 2.4.2-0tape-dasd (root@gfree16) (gcc version 2.95.2
19991024 (release)) #7 SMP Mon Apr 30 15:47:23 CEST 2001
    <4>Command line is: root=/dev/dasda1 ro noinitrd dasd=3e04,3e05,3e00
cio_msg=yes
    <4>
    <4>We are running native
    <4>This machine has an IEEE fpu
    <4>On node 0 totalpages: 24576
    <4>zone(0): 24576 pages.
    <4>zone(1): 0 pages.
    <4>zone(2): 0 pages.
    <4>Kernel command line: root=/dev/dasda1 ro noinitrd dasd=3e04,3e05,3e00
cio_msg=yes
    <4>
...
...
```

Example 4–15. stat (i386)

```
>> stat

  sysname : Linux
  nodename : lion28
  release : 2.2.18
  version : #1 Wed Jan 24 12:28:55 GMT 2001
  machine : i686
domainname :

LOG_BUF:

<4>Linux version 2.2.18 (root@Pentium.suse.de) (gcc version 2.95.2
19991024 (release)) #1 Wed Jan 24 12:28:55 GMT 2001
<4>BIOS-provided physical RAM map:
<4> BIOS-e820: 0009f000 @ 00000000 (usable)
<4> BIOS-e820: 0fef0000 @ 00100000 (usable)
<4>Detected 696981 kHz processor.
<4>Console: colour VGA+ 80x25
<4>Calibrating delay loop... 1389.36 BogoMIPS
<4>Memory: 256508k/262080k available (1668k kernel code, 408k reserved,
2968k data, 88k init, 0k bigmem)
...

```

4.24. strace

Platform Dependency

Platform dependent usage and functionality.

Usage on i386

```
strace [-a] [-l] [-f] [-w outfile] [pc sp] stack_addr [level]
```

Description (i386)

Displays all complete and unique stack traces (containing level or more stack frames) from the stack starting at stack_addr. If a level isn't specified, then each stack trace must have at least three frames to be considered valid. Alternately, use a specific PC and SP to generate a stack trace from the stack starting at stack_addr. Or, when the -l command line option is specified, displays a list of all saved return addresses contained in the stack starting at stack_addr, along with their location in the stack and possibly the name of the function called. Or, if the -a option is specified, display ALL traces of level or more frames, including invalid traces and duplicate (sub) traces.

Usage on s390(x)

```
strace [-f] [-w outfile] stack_addr [level]
```

Description (s390)

Displays all complete and unique stack traces (containing level or more stack frames) from the stack starting at stack_addr. If a level isn't Specified, then each stack trace must have at least three frames to be considered valid.

Example (s390)**Example 4–16. strace (s390)**

```
>> task
    ADDR      UID      PID      PPID      STATE      FLAGS      NAME
=====
184000          0        0        0        0            0    swapper
=====
1 active task struct found

>> whatis lowcore_ptr
    ADDR      OFFSET      TYPE      NAME
=====
25c484          0    GLOBAL_DATA    lowcore_ptr

>> dump 25c484 10
0x25c484: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 : .....
0x25c494: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 : .....
0x25c4a4: 00000000 00000000                  : .....

>> dump 0x180 16
0x180: 00000000 000100e5 000100e5 00000001 : .....
0x190: 0042ce60 00010000 00000066 00000003 : .B.`.....f....
0x1a0: 00000394 000000e5 ffc4ea0a 0018cc80 : .....
0x1b0: 00000002 800b7f70 800b80ee 00185cd8 : .....p.....\.

>> strace 00185cd8
=====
TRACE FOR STACK PTR: 0x185cd8

0 disable_cpu_sync_isc+390 [0xb80ee]
1 s390_device_recognition_irq+240 [0xb8f80]
2 s390_device_recognition_all+42 [0xb8fc2]
3 s390_init_IRQ+192 [0xb5fc0]
4 init_IRQ+28 [0x1d50ac]
5 start_kernel+322 [0x1d47d6]
6 _stext+98 [0x10862]
7 <back chain invalid>+<ERROR> [0x65bec0]
=====
```

4.25. symtab

Usage

```
symtab
    [-l [-f] [symtable]]
    [-r symtable]
```

```
[-a symtable modulename]
[-a symtable offset size]
[-a symtable t_off d_off rd_off b_off t_len d_len rd_len b_len]
[-w outfile]
```

Description

Add/remove/list symbol table information.

OPTIONS:

```
-l [symtable]
    List information of (all) symbol table(s).
-l -f [symtable]
    Show full list of symbols of (all) symbol table(s).
-a symtable modulename
    Add new symbol table belonging to module modulename.
-a symtable t_off d_off rd_off b_off t_len d_len rd_len b_len
    Add new symbol table using given segment offsets and lengths
    (off=offset, len=length, t=text, d=data, rd=rodata, b=bss).
-a symtable offset size
    Add new symbol table using given offset and size.
    Regard size as size of object file corresponding to symtable.
-r symtable
    Remove symbol table.
-a __ksymtab__
-r __ksymtab__
-l [-f] __ksymtab__
    Add, remove or list table of exported kernel symbols.
```

You can use only one of the above command lines at the same time.

Example 4–17. symtab

For a comprehensive example please refer to [Section 5.1](#).

4.26. task

Alias

ps

Usage

```
task [-f] [-n] [-w outfile] [task list]
```

Description

Display relevant information for each entry in task_list. If no entries are specified, display information for all active tasks. Entries in task_list can take the form of a virtual address or a PID (following a '#').

Example 4–18. task

```
>> task
ACTIVE TASKS:

      ADDR     UID     PID     PPID    STATE      FLAGS   NAME
=====
c02ca000      0      0      0      0          0   swapper
cff3c000      0      1      0      1         100  init
cff28000      0      2      1      1          40   kflushd
cff26000      0      3      1      1          40   kupdate
cff24000      0      4      1      1         840  kswapd
cffd7a000      0      5      1      1          40   mdrecoveryd
cecea000      0     170      1      1         140  cardmgr
cc15c000      0     229      1      1         140  syslogd
cbfa6000      0     231      1      1         140  sshd
cc1b0000      0     234      1      1         140  klogd
cb9b6000      0     245      1      1         140  lpd
...
ca6b0000    4640    3306    433      1          0   xosview.bin
c9810000    4640    3309      1      1          0   xeyes
c02e0000    4640    3312      1      1          0   xclock
c5e6c000    4640    3314    433      1          0   FvwmPager
c657e000      0    3321    356      4         44   cron
=====
57 active task structs found

>> task -f c02e0000
      ADDR     UID     PID     PPID    STATE      FLAGS   NAME
=====
c02e0000    4640    3312      1      1          0   xclock

MM:0xc97e7cc0

THREAD:
  ESP0:0xc02e2000, ESP:0xc02e1ea8, EIP:0xc0113286
  FS:0x0, GS:0x0
=====
1 active task struct found
```

4.27. trace**Alias****t****Usage**

```
trace [-a] [-f] [-w outfile] [[task_list] | [-t tracerec_list]]
```

Description

Displays a stack trace for each task included in task_list. If task_list is empty and deftask is set, then a stack trace for the default task is displayed. If deftask is not set, then a trace will be displayed for the task running at the time of a system PANIC. If the command is issued with

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the -t command line option, additional items on the command line will be treated as pointers to lcrash stack trace records (previously allocated using the mktrace command).

Example 4-19. trace

```
>> task
ACTIVE TASKS:

    ADDR      UID      PID      PPID      STATE      FLAGS      NAME
=====
18e000      0        0        0        0          0        swapper
5b0000      0        1        0        1        100       init
5a8000      0        2        1        1        40        kmcheck
59a000      0        3        1        1        40        keventd
57c000      0        4        1        1        840       ksmpd
57a000      0        5        1        1        840       kreclaimd
578000      0        6        1        1        40        bdflush
576000      0        7        1        1        40        kupdated
6edc000     0        231      3        1        40        keventd
6ed0000     1        287      1        1        140       portmap
6e60000     0        349      1        1        40        syslogd
779a000     0        363      1        1        140       klogd
6d54000     0        401      1        1        140       inetd
6a0a000     100      448      1        1        40        xfs
7ac0000     0        467      1        1        0        sulogin
6948000     0        468      401      1        100       in.telnetd
68f8000     0        469      468      1        100       login
67e4000     0        470      469      1        100       bash
61c8000     0        534      470      0        100       lcrash
=====
19 active task structs found

>> trace 67e4000
=====
STACK TRACE FOR TASK: 0x67e4000 (bash)

STACK:
0 schedule+1076 [0x1c590]
1 sys_wait4+1050 [0x23fc6]
2 pgm_system_call+34 [0x130d0]
=====

>> trace 67e4000 -f
=====
STACK TRACE FOR TASK: 0x67e4000 (bash)

STACK:
0 schedule+1076 [0x1c590]

SP=0x67e5de8, FP=0x67e5e48, SIZE=144

67e5de8: 067e5e78 00525164 077e4000 077e4000
67e5df8: 067e5ea8 07000000 067e4000 00000001
67e5e08: 005bc000 067e4000 00000000 067e5de8
67e5e18: 00525120 8001c164 8001c590 067e5de8
67e5e28: 00525120 067e5f68 00000004 070de000
67e5e38: 00479000 067e4000 0052513c 80011038
67e5e48: 070112cc 077e5e10 0401d000 0690a000
```

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```
67e5e58: 067e5f68 00000001 00000000 00000000
67e5e68: 00000000 067e5e6c 001ea030 00000004

1 sys_wait4+1050 [0x23fc6]
SP=0x67e5e78, FP=0x67e5ed8, SIZE=144

67e5e78: 067e5f08 800f8da0 067e5f08 067e5e48
67e5e88: 067e5e6c 00000215 00000002 001ea010
67e5e98: 7fffff7fc 00000000 ffffffff ffffffe00
67e5ea8: 00000000 80023bb4 80023fc6 067e5e78
67e5eb8: ffffffea 00000020 0048a668 067e4000
67e5ec8: 00000000 000000ff 7fffff6c8 06df1ae0
67e5ed8: 00000000 067e4000 067e40b0 067e40b0
67e5ee8: 00000000 067e4000 00000000 00000000
67e5ef8: 067e4000 00000000 7fffff800 067e4000

2 pgm_system_call+34 [0x130d0]
SP=0x67e5f08, FP=0x67e5f68, SIZE=248

67e5f08: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
67e5f18: 00000000 00000000 0048a668 00402c0c
67e5f28: 00023bac 067e4000 00422e74 7fffff798
67e5f38: c015f2d4 00013000 800130d0 067e5f08
67e5f48: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
67e5f58: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
67e5f68: 070dd000 c00e357a 00000000 400e3578
67e5f78: ffffffff 7fffff7fc 00000002 00000000
67e5f88: 0048a668 00402c0c 00000001 00000000
67e5f98: 00422e74 7fffff798 c015f2d4 c00e3504
67e5fa8: c00e352a 7fffff738 00000000 00000000
67e5fb8: 00000000 00000000 00000001 00000000
67e5fc8: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
67e5fd8: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
67e5fe8: 00000000 00000000 ffffffff 00000020
67e5ff8: 01fffff 00000000

=====
>> trace 61c8000
=====
TASK HAS CPU (1): 0x61c8000 (lcrash):
No valid lowcore info available ?
LOWCORE INFO:
- psw : 0x07080000 0x8001b0de
- function : do_machine_power_off+142
- prefix : 0x005bf000
- cpu timer: 0xfffff879f 0x5a597b00
- clock cmp: 0xb5eabdb9 0x7a80ea00
- general registers:
    00190654 00000000 00000000 00000000
    0026350c 00000009 00000004 00000001
    0002cab8 04674000 00400af0 04674000
    04674000 8001b058 8001b080 04675ce8
- access registers:
    00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
    00000001 00000000 00000000 00000000
    00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
    00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
- control registers:
    14b52a02 0026107f 00000000 00000000
```

```
00000000 00000000 11000000 846661ff  
00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000  
00000000 846661ff d0000000 00000000  
-floating point registers 0,2,4,6:  
0000000000000000 0000000000000000  
0000000000000000 0000000000000000
```

4.28. unload

Usage

```
unload filename|directory
```

Description

Unload a file or a directory. In the case of a directory, all files in that directory will be unloaded.

4.29. vi

Usage

```
vi function_name | -f sial_file_name
```

Description

Start a vi session of a sial file or a sial function in particular.

4.30. vtop

Usage

```
vtop [-m map_pointer] [-w outfile] vaddr_list
```

Description

Display the virtual to physical memory mapping for each entry in vaddr_list. Entries in addr_list can in the form of a physical address, virtual address, or page number (following a '#'). When the -m command line option is specified, treat the accompanying parameter as an mm_struct pointer to use when determining memory mapping.

Example 4–20. vtop

```
>> dump 0xd002cfe0 -B 60  
0xd002cfe0: 73 6e 64 5f 70 63 69 5f 63 6f 6d 70 61 74 5f 66 : snd_pci_compat_f
```

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```
0xd002cff0: 69 6e 64 5f 63 61 70 61 62 69 6c 69 74 79 00 73 : ind_capability.s
0xd002d000: 6e 64 5f 70 63 69 5f 63 6f 6d 70 61 74 5f 64 6d : nd_pci_compat_dm
0xd002d010: 61 5f 73 75 70 70 6f 72 74 65 64 00 : a_supported.

>> vtop 0xd002cf0
      VADDR      KADDR      PADDR      PFN
=====
d002cf0  cef42fe0  ef42fe0  61250
=====

>> dump ef42fe0 -B 60
0xef42fe0: 73 6e 64 5f 70 63 69 5f 63 6f 6d 70 61 74 5f 66 : snd_pci_compat_f
0xef42ff0: 69 6e 64 5f 63 61 70 61 62 69 6c 69 74 79 00 73 : ind_capability.s
0xef43000: c4 20 83 c4 fc 6a 01 68 73 c8 02 d0 53 e8 a6 fe : . ....j.hs...S...
0xef43010: ff ff 83 c4 fc 6a 02 68 81 c8 02 d0 : .....j.h.....

>> vtop 0xd002d000
      VADDR      KADDR      PADDR      PFN
=====
d002d000  cef41000  ef41000  61249
=====

>> dump ef41000 -B 28
0xef41000: 6e 64 5f 70 63 69 5f 63 6f 6d 70 61 74 5f 64 6d : nd_pci_compat_dm
0xef41010: 61 5f 73 75 70 70 6f 72 74 65 64 00 : a_supported.
```

Example 4-21. vtop

```
>> whatis init_mm
      ADDR  OFFSET  TYPE          NAME
=====
c02a90a0      0  GLOBAL_DATA  init_mm

>> whatis module_list
      ADDR  OFFSET  TYPE          NAME
=====
c02ad128      0  GLOBAL_DATA  module_list

>> dump c02ad128
0xc02ad128: d0103000 : .0..

>> vtop -m c02a90a0 d0103000
      VADDR      KADDR      PADDR      PFN
=====
d0103000  cec99000  ec99000  60569
=====

>> print ((module*)0xec99000)->name
0xd0106a26

>> vtop -m c02a90a0 0xd0106a26
      VADDR      KADDR      PADDR      PFN
=====
d0106a26  cec96a26  ec96a26  60566
=====

>> print (char*) ec96a26
0xec96a26 "ibmtr_cs"
```

4.31. walk

Usage

```
walk
[-l]
struct field|offset addr [-f] [-n] [-h n|p]
struct field|offset addr -s [-h n|p]
struct field|offset addr -h n|p -t
address offset size
[-i iteration_threshold]
[-w outfile]
```

Description

Walk a linked list of kernel structures or memory blocks.

OPTIONS:

```
-l
Show a list of special structures, which can be displayed in a
predefined formatted manner.
Currently there is support for a handful special structures.
struct field|offset addr [-f] [-n] [-h n|p]
Display each entry of a linked list of special structures in
a predefined formatted way.
By default, the output consists of one line for each structure.
Using '-f' and/or '-n' a more detailed output is given.
'-f' can be used for all special structures. '-n' works for
special structures "mm_struct" and "task_struct".
struct field|offset addr -s [-h n|p]
Each structure of a linked list is displayed in its entirety -
in a C-like format. All structures for which type information is
available can be displayed in this manner.

-h n|p
A linked list is constructed by following "list_head" structures
instead of next pointers. The argument specifies whether to follow
the next pointers of struct list_head (using 'n') or to follow
the prev pointers of struct list_head (by using 'p').
'field' or 'offset' is regarded as a member of type "list_head"
instead of a next pointer within the 'struct'. 'addr' is
interpreted as a pointer to an anchor of a linked list of
"struct list_head" structures.

struct field|offset addr -h n|p -t
Display each entry of a linked "list_head"-list in one line.
For each entry the address to the 'struct' structure, the
address to the "list_head" member within 'struct', and previous
and next pointer of the embedded "list_head" are given.

address offset size
Do a hex memory dump of each structure in a list.
A start address ('address') of a structure, a byte offset
('offset') for the next pointer in the structure, and a
structure size ('size') are required. 'size' bytes will be
dumped for each entry in the constructed list.

-i iteration_threshold
By default, certain loops are interrupted after 10'000 iterations
to avoid endless loops while following invalid pointers. Using
this option you can change the threshold for the current command.
A value '0' means infinite iteration threshold, i.e. no
```

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interruption of the loop is caused by reaching any threshold.

While using "struct field|offset addr" without '-h', a structure name ('struct'), a field name ('field') or byte offset ('offset') for the next pointer within the structure, and a pointer ('addr') to the first entry of the linked list must be given.

Note: Using '-h' the anchor is not displayed as a structure 'struct'.

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```
>> module
      ADDR      SIZE USED NAME          REFs
=====
d0103000    17928     1 ibmtr_cs          []
d00fe000     6608      2 ds              [ibmtr_cs]
d00f3000    23408      2 i82365         []
d00e6000    46848      0 pcmcia_core      [ibmtr_cs
                                         ds
                                         i82365]
c02ad0e0        0      1 kernel_module    []
=====

>> print ((module*) d00e6000)->refs
0xd0106b80

>> walk -s module_ref next_ref 0xd0106b80
struct module_ref {
    dep = 0xd00e6000
    ref = 0xd0103000
    next_ref = 0xd00ff9bc
}
struct module_ref {
    dep = 0xd00e6000
    ref = 0xd00fe000
    next_ref = 0xd00f8b38
}
struct module_ref {
    dep = 0xd00e6000
    ref = 0xd00f3000
    next_ref = (nil)
}
```

Example 4-23. walk

```
>> findsym inode_unused
      ADDR  OFFSET   TYPE      NAME
=====
0xc0243e48      0 LOCAL_DATA  inode_unused
=====
1 symbol found

>> walk list_head next 0xc0243e48 -h n -t
STRUCT ADDR      PREV   LISTHEAD      NEXT
=====
          0 0xc2faca48 0xc0243e48 0xc4d8d340
0xc4d8d340 0xc0243e48 0xc4d8d340 0xc416ef68
```

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```
0xc416ef68 0xc4d8d340 0xc416ef68 0xc7ab55d0
0xc7ab55d0 0xc416ef68 0xc7ab55d0 0xc3244298
0xc3244298 0xc7ab55d0 0xc3244298 0xc328c3e0
0xc328c3e0 0xc3244298 0xc328c3e0 0xc3baf0b0
...
0xc32767b8 0xc3276cd8 0xc32767b8 0xc7ab50b0
0xc7ab50b0 0xc32767b8 0xc7ab50b0 0xc79e7af0
0xc79e7af0 0xc7ab50b0 0xc79e7af0 0xc3289af0
0xc3289af0 0xc79e7af0 0xc3289af0 0xc32623e0
0xc32623e0 0xc3289af0 0xc32623e0 0xc31f2150
0xc31f2150 0xc32623e0 0xc31f2150 0xc314b0b0
0xc314b0b0 0xc31f2150 0xc314b0b0 0xc2ff3c38
0xc2ff3c38 0xc314b0b0 0xc2ff3c38 0xc2fd2528
0xc2fd2528 0xc2ff3c38 0xc2fd2528 0xc2faca48
0xc2faca48 0xc2fd2528 0xc2faca48 0xc0243e48
=====

>> walk inode i_list 0xc0243e48 -h n -t
STRUCT ADDR      PREV      LISTHEAD      NEXT
=====
0 0xc2faca48 0xc0243e48 0xc4d8d340
0xc4d8d338 0xc0243e48 0xc4d8d340 0xc416ef68
0xc416ef60 0xc4d8d340 0xc416ef68 0xc7ab55d0
0xc7ab55c8 0xc416ef68 0xc7ab55d0 0xc3244298
0xc3244290 0xc7ab55d0 0xc3244298 0xc328c3e0
0xc328c3d8 0xc3244298 0xc328c3e0 0xc3baf0b0
...
0xc32767b0 0xc3276cd8 0xc32767b8 0xc7ab50b0
0xc7ab50a8 0xc32767b8 0xc7ab50b0 0xc79e7af0
0xc79e7ae8 0xc7ab50b0 0xc79e7af0 0xc3289af0
0xc3289ae8 0xc79e7af0 0xc3289af0 0xc32623e0
0xc32623d8 0xc3289af0 0xc32623e0 0xc31f2150
0xc31f2148 0xc32623e0 0xc31f2150 0xc314b0b0
0xc314b0a8 0xc31f2150 0xc314b0b0 0xc2ff3c38
0xc2ff3c30 0xc314b0b0 0xc2ff3c38 0xc2fd2528
0xc2fd2520 0xc2ff3c38 0xc2fd2528 0xc2faca48
0xc2faca40 0xc2fd2528 0xc2faca48 0xc0243e48
=====

>> findsym inode_in_use
      ADDR      OFFSET      TYPE      NAME
=====
0xc0243e40      0      GLOBAL_DATA      inode_in_use
=====
1 symbol found

>> walk inode i_list 0xc0243e40 -h n -t -i 5
STRUCT ADDR      PREV      LISTHEAD      NEXT
=====
0 0xcff38008 0xc0243e40 0xc5501c38

WARNING: Previous pointer broken. PREV: 0xc579c3e0, SHOULD BE: 0xc0243e40
0xc5501c30 0xc579c3e0 0xc5501c38 0xc6314f68
0xc6314f60 0xc5501c38 0xc6314f68 0xc2c44e20
0xc2c44e18 0xc6314f68 0xc2c44e20 0xc8671340
0xc8671338 0xc2c44e20 0xc8671340 0xc54da528
0xc54da520 0xc8671340 0xc54da528 0xcbde6528

WARNING: Iteration threshold reached. Current threshold: 5.
Use "-i" to change threshold.
```

Example 4–24. walk

```

>> module
      ADDR      SIZE USED NAME
      ====== ====== ===== =====
0xd00f6000    17928     1 ibmtr_cs
0xd00f1000     6608     2 ds
0xd00e6000    23408     2 i82365
...
0xd002b000    27168     0 snd-ac97-codec
0xd0023000    28624     0 snd-mixer
0xd0017000    43632     1 snd
0xd0015000    2576      2 soundcore
0xc0241980      0      1 kernel_module
      ====== ====== ===== =====
>> sizeof module
Size of "module": 72 bytes

>> offset module.next
Offset: 4 bytes.

>> walk 0xd002b000 4 72
Dumping 72 byte block at 0xd002b000:

0xd002b000: 00000060 d0023000 d00314c9 00006a20 : `....0..... j..
0xd002b010: 00000000 00000011 0000000a 00000002 : .....
0xd002b020: d00315a0 d0031a08 d0058134 d0030350 : .....4...P...
0xd002b030: d003035c 00000000 00000000 00000000 : \.....
0xd002b040: 00000000 00000000 : .....

Dumping 72 byte block at 0xd0023000:

0xd0023000: 00000060 d0017000 d0029cc1 00006fd0 : `....p.....o..
0xd0023010: 00000000 00000019 00000035 00000001 : .....5.....
0xd0023020: d0029d78 d0029fc4 d0031a08 d00266b4 : x.....f..
0xd0023030: d00266c0 d00296e0 d00297e8 00000000 : .f.....
0xd0023040: 00000000 00000000 : .....

Dumping 72 byte block at 0xd0017000:

0xd0017000: 00000060 d0015000 d00200c1 0000aa70 : `....P.....p...
0xd0017010: 00000001 00000019 0000005f 00000001 : .....-
0xd0017020: d0020170 d0021a60 d0080fd0 d0017ba4 : p...`.....{..
0xd0017030: d0017bb0 d001f8a4 d001f8fc 00000000 : .{.....
0xd0017040: 00000000 00000000 : .....

Dumping 72 byte block at 0xd0015000:

0xd0015000: 00000060 c0241980 d0015825 00000a10 : `.....$.%X.....
0xd0015010: 00000002 00000019 00000010 00000000 : .....
0xd0015020: d00158f8 00000000 d0021a60 d001545c : .x.....`...\T..

```

```

0xd0015030: d0015440 00000000 00000000 00000000 : @T.....
0xd0015040: 00000000 00000000 : .....

Dumping 72 byte block at 0xc0241980:

0xc0241980: 00000048 00000000 c0205380 00000000 : H.....S .....
0xc0241990: 00000001 00000001 00000339 00000000 : .....9.....
0xc02419a0: c0233958 00000000 00000000 00000000 : X9#.....
0xc02419b0: 00000000 c0232aa0 c0233958 00000000 : .....*#.X9#.....
0xc02419c0: 00000000 00000000 : .....

5 blocks in linked list

```

4.32. whatis

Usage

```
whatis [-a] [-f] [-l] [-n] [-w outfile] expression
```

Description

Display, in C-like fashion, detailed information about kernel types (structs, unions, typedefs, base types, etc.) If the -a option is specified, display a list of all types. If the -l option is specified, display type information in tabular form. When the -f option is specified, along with the -l option, display additional information about the type. If the -n option is specified for a struct or union, along with the -l option, display information about each member.

Note

For display of information for multi-worded types (e.g. "short int") you have to use parenthesis around the type.

Example 4-25. whatis

```

>> whatis mem_map
      ADDR  OFFSET  TYPE          NAME
=====
c02addec      0  GLOBAL_DATA  mem_map

>> whatis (short unsigned int) -l
      NAME          TYPE          TYPE_NUM      REAL_TYPE  SIZE
=====
short unsigned int   BASE  0001000000000009  0000000000000000    2
=====
1 type found

>> whatis page
struct page {
    struct page *next;
    struct page *prev;
    pgoff_t index;
    struct inode *inode;
    struct page *next_hash;
}

```

```

        atomic_t count;
        long unsigned int flags;
        struct wait_queue *wait;
        struct page **pprev_hash;
        struct buffer_head *buffers;
};

>> whatis page.index
pgoff_t

>> whatis pgoff_t
long unsigned int

>> whatis page -l
NAME          TYPE      TYPE_NUM      REAL_TYPE    SIZE
=====
page          STRUCT    0001002300000014  0000000000000000  40
=====
1 type found

>> whatis page.index -l -f
NAME          TYPE      TYPE_NUM      REAL_TYPE    SIZE
=====
long unsigned int      BASE      0001000000000005  0000000000000000  4
    ST_BIT_OFFSET=0, ST_BIT_SIZE=0
    ELEMENT_TYPE=0x0, INDEX_TYPE=0x1000000000005, VALUE=0
    FLAGS=0x2, OFFSET=0
    TYPESTR="long unsigned int "
    LOW_BOUNDS=0, HIGH_BOUNDS=-1, MEMBER=0x0, NEXT=0x0
=====
1 type found

>> whatis -a -l
FileVersion      TYPEDEF  0001004e00000007  0001000900000017  0
PioctlData       STRUCT   0001004e00000049  0000000000000000  20
Unique_t          TYPEDEF  0001004e00000006  0001000900000017  0
...
loff_t            TYPEDEF  000100090000000d  0001000c00000013  0
long double       BASE     000100000000000e  0000000000000000  12
long int           BASE    0001000000000003  0000000000000000  4
long long int     BASE    0001000000000006  0000000000000000  8
long long unsigned int  BASE  0001000000000007  0000000000000000  8
long unsigned int  BASE    0001000000000005  0000000000000000  4
machine_type       ENUM    0001004900000001  0000000000000000  0
mem_map_t          TYPEDEF  0001000200000016  0001002300000014  0
...
task_struct        STRUCT   0001002500000002  0000000000000000  1424
task_union         UNION    0001000300000014  0000000000000000  8192
tcflag_t           TYPEDEF  0001007b00000003  0001000000000004  0
termio             STRUCT   0001007a00000002  0000000000000000  18
...
void               BASE    0001000000000013  0001000000000013  -1
vuid_t              TYPEDEF  0001004e0000000a  0001000900000020  0
wait_queue          STRUCT   0001001c00000003  0000000000000000  12
wait_queue_head_t  TYPEDEF  0001002500000004  0001001c00000002  0
wait_queue_t        TYPEDEF  0001002500000003  0001001c00000003  0
winsize             STRUCT   0001007a00000001  0000000000000000  8
=====
491 types found

```

Chapter 5. Sample Icrash Sessions

5.1. Analyze Kernel Modules

This session should describe how to use lcrash in analyzing kernel modules. First of all we make use of lcrash commands **namelist** and **syntab**.

We have a kernel module `my_dummy.o` containing a locale variable `DUMMY` of type `dummy_t`. The corresponding code fragment is as follows:

```
typedef struct dummy_s{
    int member1;
    char *member2;
    struct dummy_s *member3;
} dummy_t;

static dummy_t DUMMY={0, "just a demonstration", &DUMMY};
```

Our intention will be to examine this local data with lcrash. To make it little more tricky we analyze a live dump and the module will be loaded while lcrash is running.

Our module was compiled using **gcc** option `-gstabs` to create type information. The symbol table of the module was generated using a command line like `nm my_dummy.o > /tmp/my_dummy.map`.

The file `my_dummy.o` was also copied to `/tmp`.

1. Start lcrash.

```
bash# lcrash /boot/System.map-2.2.18 /dev/mem /boot/Kerntypes
map = /boot/System.map-2.2.18, vmdump = /dev/mem, outfile = stdout, kerntypes =
/boot/Kerntypes

Please wait...
    Loading system map ..... Done.
    Loading type info (Kerntypes) ... Done.
    Loading ksyms from dump ..... Done.

>>
```

2. Look what modules are loaded.

```
>> module
      ADDR      SIZE USED NAME                      REFS
=====
d0103000     17928     1 ibmtr_cs                  []
d00fe000      6608     2 ds                       [ibmtr_cs]
d00f3000     23408     2 i82365                  []
d00e6000     46848     0 pcmcia_core              [ibmtr_cs
                                              ds
                                              i82365]
c02ad0e0          0     1 kernel_module            []
=====
```

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3. From another shell, load module *my_dummy*.

```
bash# insmod my_dummy.o
bash#
```

4. Verify the former action with lcrash.

```
>> module
      ADDR      SIZE USED NAME                      REFS
=====
d0000000      1120    0 my_dummy
d0103000     17928   1 ibmtr_cs
d00fe000      6608    2 ds
d00f3000     23408   2 i82365
d00e6000     46848   0 pcmcia_core
c02ad0e0          0     1 kernel_module
=====

```

5. Look which symbols of the new module are exported.

```
>> module -f my_dummy
EXPORTED MODULE SYMBOLS:
=====
Module: my_dummy
Number of exported symbols: 6

      ADDR NAME [MODULE]
d0000000 __insmod_my_dummy_0/home/aherrman/CPP/crash_ex/my_dummy.o_
M3B1CDF3B_V131602 [my_dummy]
d0000060 dummy_init                         [my_dummy]
d0000060 __insmod_my_dummy_S.text_L447       [my_dummy]
d000021f __insmod_my_dummy_S.rodata_L29       [my_dummy]
d000041c __insmod_my_dummy_S.bss_L16          [my_dummy]
d0000240 __insmod_my_dummy_S.data_L260        [my_dummy]
=====
```

6. Load type information of the module.

```
>> namelist -a /tmp/my_dummy.o
.The current namelist is /tmp/my_dummy.o (1)
>> namelist
INDEX  NAMELIST
=====
0  /boot/Kerntypes
1  /tmp/my_dummy.o
=====
```

```
The current namelist is /tmp/my_dummy.o (1)
```

7. Load symbol table of the module.

```
>> symtab -a /tmp/my_dummy.map my_dummy
```

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```
Adding symbol table.
    filename: /tmp/my_dummy.map
    text_offset:      0
    data_offset:      0
    rodata_offset:    0
    bss_offset:       0
    module size:     1120
..Done.
```

Something went wrong, offsets of text and data sections of the module should not be zero. This is caused by the fact, that we added our module after lcrash was started. We have to remove the loaded symbol table and we have to recreate the table __ksymtab.

8. Remove our new symbol table and __ksymtab.

```
>> symtab -l
Loaded symbol tables:
=====
#SYMS:    7803 /boot/System.map-2.2.18
TEXT:      0 DATA:      0 RODATA:      0 BSS:      0
#SYMS:    1163 __ksymtab__
TEXT:      0 DATA:      0 RODATA:      0 BSS:      0
#SYMS:    14 /tmp/my_dummy.map [my_dummy]
TEXT:      0 DATA:      0 RODATA:      0 BSS:      0
=====
>> symtab -r /tmp/my_dummy.map
Removing symbol table.
Done.
>> symtab -r __ksymtab__
Removing symbol table.
Done.
```

9. Recreate symbol table __ksymtab.

```
>> symtab -a __ksymtab__
Adding symbol table.

Loading ksyms from dump .....
Done.
```

10. Load our new symbol table again.

```
>> symtab -a /tmp/my_dummy.map my_dummy
Adding symbol table.
    filename: /tmp/my_dummy.map
    text_offset: d0000060
    data_offset: d0000240
    rodata_offset: d000021f
    bss_offset: d000041c
    module size:     1120
..Done.
>> symtab -l
Loaded symbol tables:
=====
#SYMS:    7803 /boot/System.map-2.2.18
TEXT:      0 DATA:      0 RODATA:      0 BSS:      0
#SYMS:    1169 __ksymtab__
```

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```
TEXT: 0 DATA: 0 RODATA: 0 BSS: 0
#SYMS: 14 /tmp/my_dummy.map [my_dummy]
TEXT: d0000060 DATA: d0000240 RODATA: d000021f BSS: d000041c
=====
```

11. Look which symbols are available in module *my_dummy*.

```
>> symtab -l -f /tmp/my_dummy.map
=====
#SYMS: 14 /tmp/my_dummy.map [my_dummy]
TEXT: d0000060 DATA: d0000240 RODATA: d000021f BSS: d000041c

      ADDR  OFFSET   TYPE        NAME
-----
d0000060      0  GLOBAL_TEXT  dummy_init
d00000f0      0  LOCAL_TEXT   dummy_xmit
d0000130      0  LOCAL_TEXT   dummy_get_stats
d0000140      0  LOCAL_TEXT   dummy_open
d0000160      0  LOCAL_TEXT   dummy_close
d0000180      0  LOCAL_TEXT   set_multicast_list
d0000190      0  LOCAL_TEXT   dummy_probe
d00001b0      0  GLOBAL_TEXT  init_module
d00001f0      0  GLOBAL_TEXT  cleanup_module
d000021f      0  LOCAL_TEXT   Letext
d0000240      0  LOCAL_DATA   DUMMY
d0000260      0  LOCAL_DATA   dev_dummy
d000041c      0  LOCAL_DATA   dummy_name
d00004c0      0  ABS          /tmp/my_dummy.map-END
-----
```

12. Try to examine the local variable *DUMMY* of our module.

```
>> whatis DUMMY
      ADDR  OFFSET   TYPE        NAME
-----
d0000240      0  LOCAL_DATA   DUMMY
>> whatis dummy_t
struct dummy_s
struct dummy_s {
    int member1;
    char *member2;
    struct dummy_s *member3;
}
>> print *(dummy_t*) d0000240
struct dummy_s {
    member1 = 0
    member2 = 0xd000021f
    member3 = 0xd0000240
}

>> whatis dummy_s.member2
char *
>> print (char*) 0xd000021f
0xd000021f "just a demonstration"
```

Furthermore an additional symbol table of a kernel module provides you function names when setting up stack back-traces with **trace** or **strace** and when using disassembling routine **dis**.

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