

Thread Navigation

~ List thread map
~#s Set thread context to #

- indicates exception thread
. - indicates active thread

Example:

.~3s - change to thread 3

Frame Navigation

.frame - display current frame
.frame # - change frame to #

Example:

.frame 9 - change to frame 9

Display Memory

dd - display dword
dc - display dwords and ASCII
da - display ASCII
du - display Unicode
poi - dereference pointer (use with d* commands)

Examples:

dd 0x12345678 - display val
dd poi (0x12345678) -
dereference pointer and
display contents at
address 0x12345678

Stack Trace

k - stack trace
n - add frame numbers
v - include FPO data
b - display 1st three params
L - suppress source line #s
p - display full parameters
P - display full parameters
on separate line
f - show distance between
stack frames

Examples:

~3kn - display thread 3 stack
with frame numbers

~*k - display all stacks

Disassembly

u - unassembled
uf - unassembled function

[ebp-0x4] - 1st local var
[ebp-0x8] - 2nd local var
[ebp-0xc] - 3rd local var
[ebp-0x#] - #/4 th local var
[ebp+0x4] - return addr of caller
[ebp+0x8] - 1st parameter
[ebp+0xc] - 2nd parameter
[ebp+0x10] - 3rd parameter
[ebp+0x#] - #/4 th parameter

ebp - frame pointer, stays constant during function
esp - stack pointer, points to top of stack; changes with commands like push, sub, add
eip - instruction pointer, points to current instruction

Prolog/Epilog

Prolog - start of function
push ebp
mov ebp, esp
sub esp, # (# bytes locals)

Epilog - end of function
mov esp, ebp
pop ebp
ret

Never examine stack or local variables during prolog or epilog because ESP and EBP inconsistent

Display Data and Symbol

dds - dump dword and symbol

Mainly used for raw stack dump

Example:

dds esp - dump stack and display symbols
dds esp L32 - dump stack and display 50 entries

Local Vars and Types

dv - display local variables
dt - display type
dt -r display type recursively

Must set thread and frame context first

Examples:

~2s;frame 3;dv
change context to thread #2, set frame to #3, and display local vars

Registers

r - display all registers
r @eax - display EAX register
r @eax = value
-- set EAX to value

Example:

r @eip = 0x00123456
set EIP to 0x00123456

General Purpose:

EAX - accumulator
EBX - base
ECX - count
EDX - double-precision
ESI - source index
EDI - destination index
EIP - Instruction pointer
EBP - base frame pointer
ESP - Stack pointer

ESP, EBP, EIP manage code position and stack details

EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX - although have meanings, are used for data manipulation

ESI, EDI - used for source pointers and many string commands such as SCAS, STOS

Windbg Command Reference

Breakpoints

```
bp {address | symbol}
  -- sets breakpoint on either
    address (0x#) or symbol
bl - list breakpoints
bc # - clear breakpoint #
bd # - disable breakpoint
be # - enable breakpoint
bp address "command"
```

Examples:

```
bp 0x00123456
  -- set breakpoint at address
  0x00123456
bp ntdll!malloc
  -- set breakpoint at symbol
bc 3
  -- clear breakpoint #3
bc 4,7
  -- clear breakpoints 4 and 7
bc *
  -- clear all breakpoints
bp 0x00123456 "kvn;g"
  -- break and dump stack
  and go automatically
```

Critical Sections

```
!cs - list all critical sections
!cs -l -- list locked critical
  sections
!cs address -- list critical
  section at address
```

Debug Display

```
.echo sometext
  --- prints "sometext" in the
    command output window
.echotimestamps
  --- prints date/time of event
```

Log File

```
.logopen filename
  -- opens file "filename" for
    logging
.logclose
  -- closes current log file
```

Search Memory

```
s-a addr1 addr2 text
  -- search from addr1 to addr2
    for 'text' in ASCII
s-u addr1 addr2 text
  -- search from addr1 to addr2
    for 'text' in Unicode
s-[w]a addr1 addr2 text
  -- search from addr1 to addr2
    for writable 'text' in ASCII
s-[w]u addr1 addr2 text
  -- search from addr1 to addr2
    for writable 'text' in Unicode
s-{a|u} startaddr L{size} text
  -- search for text starting at
    0xstartaddr and search
    through 'size' addresses
```

Examples:

```
s-a 0012fa00 0012fad hello
  -- finds string 'hello' in the
    specified range
s-u 0012fa00 0012fad hello
  -- finds string 'h.e.l.l.o.'
    in the specified range
```

Note: the dots in 'h.e.l.l.o.' just represent Unicode, not a 'dot'

Symbol Loading

```
.symfix+ c:\symbols
  -- adds Microsoft symbol
    server to path
ld module
  -- force load module symbols
lm - list modules
lmv - list modules list version
- Separate paths with ; character
- Always click Reload check box
  after altering symbol path
```

Example:

```
ld ntdll
  -- force loads ntdll.pdb
```