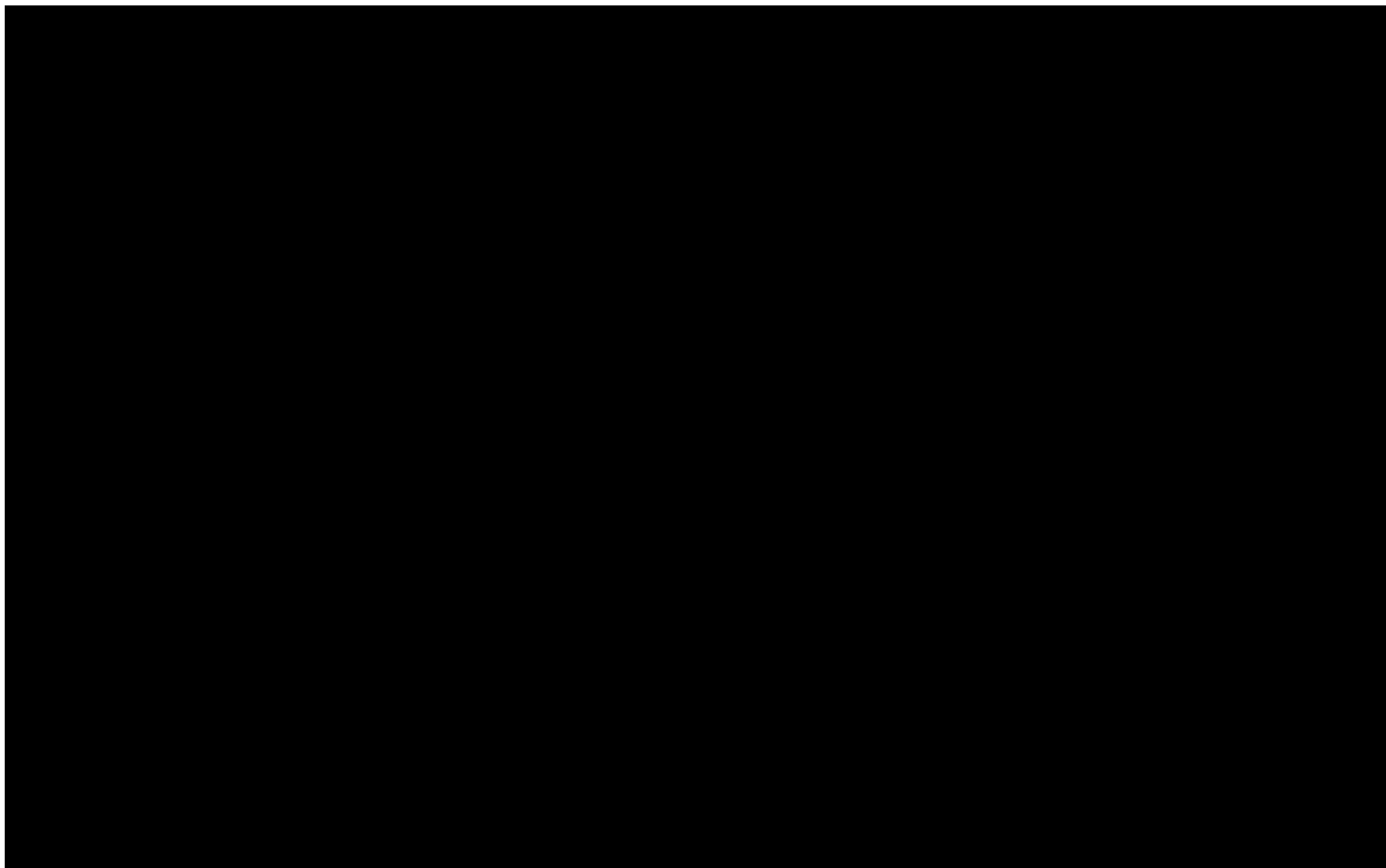


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Command Syntax

Noun and verb

`<noun> <verb>`

```
(lldb) target create  
(lldb) breakpoint set  
(lldb) process launch  
(lldb) thread step-in  
(lldb) frame variable
```


Command Syntax

Shell style options

`<noun> <verb> [options]`

```
(lldb) target create --arch i386
(lldb) breakpoint set --name main
(lldb) process launch --stop-at-entry
(lldb) thread step-in
(lldb) frame variable --format hex
```

Command Syntax

Arguments

```
<noun> <verb> [options] [argument [argument...]]
```

```
(lldb) target create --arch i386 /bin/ls  
(lldb) breakpoint set --name main  
(lldb) process launch --stop-at-entry -- -lAF /tmp  
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Shortest match

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(lldb) br s -n main
(lldb) pro la -s -- -lAF /tmp
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Available completions:

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- delete

- list

- modules

- select

- stop-hook

- symbols

- variable

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```
(lldb) target list
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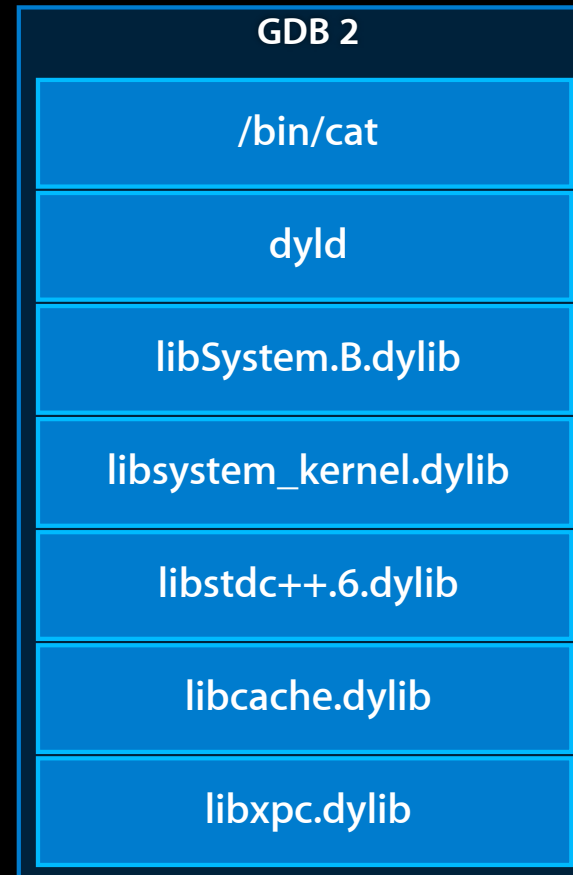
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(lldb) process launch -- <arg1> <arg2> ...
```

```
(lldb) process
```

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) run <arg1> <arg2> ...
```

```
(lldb) process launch -- <arg1> <arg2> ...
```

```
(lldb) process
```

Available completions:

- attach

- connect

- continue

- detach

- handle

- interrupt

- kill

- launch

- load

- signal

- status

- unload

Terminology

process

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123
```

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123
```

```
(lldb) process attach --name Safari
```


Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123  
(lldb) process attach --name Safari  
(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app
```

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123
(lldb) process attach --name Safari
(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app
(lldb) process attach
```

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123  
(lldb) process attach --name Safari  
(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app  
(lldb) process attach  
(lldb) target create com.apple.my_xpc_service
```

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123
(lldb) process attach --name Safari
(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app
(lldb) process attach
(lldb) target create com.apple.my_xpc_service
(lldb) process attach --waitfor
```

Terminology

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(lldb) process attach --pid 123
(lldb) process attach --name Safari
(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app
(lldb) process attach
(lldb) target create com.apple.my_xpc_service
(lldb) process attach --waitfor
(lldb) process continue
```

Terminology

process

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(lldb) process attach --pid 123
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(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app
(lldb) process attach
(lldb) target create com.apple.my_xpc_service
(lldb) process attach --waitfor
(lldb) process continue
(lldb) continue
```

Terminology

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(lldb) process attach --waitfor
(lldb) process continue
(lldb) continue
(lldb) c
```

Terminology

process

```
(lldb) process attach --pid 123
(lldb) process attach --name Safari
(lldb) target create /Applications/Safari.app
(lldb) process attach
(lldb) target create com.apple.my_xpc_service
(lldb) process attach --waitfor
(lldb) process continue
(lldb) continue
(lldb) c
^C
```


Terminology

thread

Terminology

thread

(lldb) thread

Terminology

thread

```
(lldb) thread
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  backtrace
```

```
  continue
```

```
  list
```

```
  select
```

```
  step-in
```

```
  step-inst
```

```
  step-inst-over
```

```
  step-out
```

```
  step-over
```

```
  until
```

Terminology

thread

```
(lldb) thread
```

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Available completions:
```

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  backtrace
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```
  step-in
```

```
  step-inst
```

```
  step-inst-over
```

```
  step-out
```

```
  step-over
```

```
  until
```

```
(lldb) thread list
```

Terminology

thread

```
(lldb) thread
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
backtrace
```

```
continue
```

```
list
```

```
select
```

```
step-in
```

```
step-inst
```

```
step-inst-over
```

```
step-out
```

```
step-over
```

```
until
```

```
(lldb) thread list
```

```
(lldb) thread select 12
```

Terminology

thread

```
(lldb) thread
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
backtrace
```

```
continue
```

```
list
```

```
select
```

```
step-in
```

```
step-inst
```

```
step-inst-over
```

```
step-out
```

```
step-over
```

```
until
```

```
(lldb) thread list
```

```
(lldb) thread select 12
```

```
(lldb) thread backtrace
```

Terminology

thread

```
(lldb) thread
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
backtrace
```

```
continue
```

```
list
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```
select
```

```
step-in
```

```
step-inst
```

```
step-inst-over
```

```
step-out
```

```
step-over
```

```
until
```

```
(lldb) thread list
```

```
(lldb) thread select 12
```

```
(lldb) thread backtrace
```

```
(lldb) bt
```

Terminology

thread

```
(lldb) thread
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  backtrace
```

```
  continue
```

```
  list
```

```
  select
```

```
  step-in
```

```
  step-inst
```

```
  step-inst-over
```

```
  step-out
```

```
  step-over
```

```
  until
```

```
(lldb) thread list
```

```
(lldb) thread select 12
```

```
(lldb) thread backtrace
```

```
(lldb) bt
```

```
(lldb) bt all
```


Terminology

frame

Terminology

frame

`(lldb) frame`

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

```
(lldb) f 12
```

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

```
(lldb) f 12
```

```
(lldb) up
```

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

```
(lldb) f 12
```

```
(lldb) up
```

```
(lldb) down
```

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

```
(lldb) f 12
```

```
(lldb) up
```

```
(lldb) down
```

```
(lldb) frame variable
```


Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

```
(lldb) f 12
```

```
(lldb) up
```

```
(lldb) down
```

```
(lldb) frame variable
```

```
(gdb) info locals
```

Terminology

frame

```
(lldb) frame
```

```
Available completions:
```

```
  info
```

```
  select
```

```
  variable
```

```
(lldb) frame select 12
```

```
(lldb) f 12
```

```
(lldb) up
```

```
(lldb) down
```

```
(lldb) frame variable
```

```
(gdb) info locals
```

```
(gdb) info args
```

Terminology

modules

Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

```
(gdb) info shared
```

Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

```
(gdb) info shared
```

```
(lldb) target modules list [file1 ...]
```

Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

```
(gdb) info shared
```

```
(lldb) target modules list [file1 ...]
```

```
(lldb) target modules dump symtab [file1 ...]
```

Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

```
(gdb) info shared
```

```
(lldb) target modules list [file1 ...]
```

```
(lldb) target modules dump symtab [file1 ...]
```

```
(lldb) target modules dump sections [file1 ...]
```


Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

```
(gdb) info shared
```

```
(lldb) target modules list [file1 ...]
```

```
(lldb) target modules dump symtab [file1 ...]
```

```
(lldb) target modules dump sections [file1 ...]
```

```
(lldb) target modules lookup --address <address>
```

Terminology

modules

```
(lldb) target modules list
```

```
(gdb) info shared
```

```
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```

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(lldb) target modules dump symtab [file1 ...]
```

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```

```
(lldb) target modules lookup --address <address>
```

```
(lldb) target modules lookup --type <name>
```

Help

syntax: help [command]

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```
(lldb) help memory read
```

Help

syntax: help [command]

(lldb) help memory read

Read from the memory of the process being debugged.

Syntax: memory read <cmd-options> <start-address> [<end-address>]

Command Options Usage:

```
memory read [-A] [-f <format>] [-c <count>] [-G <gdb-format>] [-s <byte-size>]
memory read [-bA] [-f <format>] [-c <count>] [-s <byte-size>] [-o <path>] <
memory read [-AFLORT] -t <none> [-f <format>] [-c <count>] [-G <gdb-format>
```

-A (--append-outfile)

Append to the the file specified with '--outfile <path>'.

-D <count> (--depth <count>)

Set the max recurse depth when dumping aggregate types (default

-F (--flat)

Display results in a flat format that uses expression paths for

```
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Specify a format to be used for display.

-L (--location)

Show variable location information.

```
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Help

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```
(lldb) help <format>
```

Help

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```
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```

<format> -- One of the format names (or one-character names) that can be used to show a variable's value:

- "default"
- 'B' or "boolean"
- 'b' or "binary"
- 'y' or "bytes"
- 'Y' or "bytes with ASCII"
- 'c' or "character"
- 'C' or "printable character"
- 'F' or "complex float"
- 's' or "c-string"
- 'd' or "decimal"
- 'E' or "enumeration"
- 'x' or "hex"
- 'f' or "float"
- 'o' or "octal"

Apropos

syntax: apropos <keyword>

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```
(lldb) apropos thread
```

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`(lldb) apropos thread`

The following commands may relate to 'thread':

<code>breakpoint command add</code>	-- Add a set of commands to a breakpoint, to be executed when the breakpoint is hit.
<code>breakpoint modify</code>	-- Modify the options on a breakpoint or set of breakpoints.
<code>breakpoint set</code>	-- Sets a breakpoint or set of breakpoints in the execution of a process.
<code>frame</code>	-- A set of commands for operating on the current thread's frame.
<code>frame info</code>	-- List information about the currently selected frame.
<code>frame select</code>	-- Select a frame by index from within the current thread's stack.
<code>log enable</code>	-- Enable logging for a single log channel.
<code>process continue</code>	-- Continue execution of all threads in the current process.
<code>register</code>	-- A set of commands to access thread registers.
<code>target stop-hook add</code>	-- Add a hook to be executed when the target stops.
<code>thread</code>	-- A set of commands for operating on one or more threads.
<code>thread backtrace</code>	-- Show the stack for one or more threads. If no threads are specified, show the stack for the current thread.
<code>thread continue</code>	-- Continue execution of one or more threads in an active process.
<code>thread list</code>	-- Show a summary of all current threads in a process.
<code>thread select</code>	-- Select a thread as the currently active thread.

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Customizing commands

- Simple aliases
- Regular expression aliases
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Aliasing

Aliasing

```
(lldb) command alias <name> <command> [<arg1> <arg2> ...]
```

Aliasing

```
(lldb) command alias <name> <command> [<arg1> <arg2> ...]  
(lldb) command alias up frame select --relative=1
```

Aliasing

```
(lldb) command alias <name> <command> [<arg1> <arg2> ...]  
(lldb) command alias up frame select --relative=1  
(lldb) command alias down frame select -r-1
```

Aliasing

```
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(lldb) command alias up frame select --relative=1  
(lldb) command alias down frame select -r-1  
(lldb) command alias disasm-range
```

Aliasing

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(lldb) command alias up frame select --relative=1  
(lldb) command alias down frame select -r-1  
(lldb) command alias disasm-range  
        disassemble
```

Aliasing

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(lldb) command alias up frame select --relative=1  
(lldb) command alias down frame select -r-1  
(lldb) command alias disasm-range  
        disassemble  
        --start-address %1
```

Aliasing

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(lldb) command alias up frame select --relative=1  
(lldb) command alias down frame select -r-1  
(lldb) command alias disasm-range  
    disassemble  
        --start-address %1  
        --end-address %2
```


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 - Arguments following alias are matched against regular expressions
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 - New command is executed

Regular Expression Aliases

syntax: command regex <name> [s/<regex>/<subst>/ ...]

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```
(lldb) command regex f
```

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```
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    "s/^( [0-9]+)$/frame select %1/"
```

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```
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    "s/^( [0-9]+ )$/frame select %1/"  
    "s/^( [+ - ] [0-9]+ )$/frame select --relative=%1/"
```

Regular Expression Aliases

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```
(lldb) command regex f
    "s/^[0-9]+$/frame select %1/"
    "s/^[+-][0-9]+$/frame select --relative=%1/"
    "s/^(.*)$/frame variable %1/"
```

Regular Expression Aliases

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```
(lldb) command regex f
    "s/^[0-9]+$ /frame select %1/"
    "s/^[+-][0-9]+$ /frame select --relative=%1/"
    "s/^(.*)$ /frame variable %1/"
(lldb) f 12
frame select 12
```

Regular Expression Aliases

syntax: command regex <name> [s/<regex>/<subst>/ ...]

```
(lldb) command regex f
    "s/^( [0-9]+ )$/frame select %1/"
    "s/^( [+ - ] [0-9]+ )$/frame select --relative=%1/"
    "s/^( .* )$/frame variable %1/"
(lldb) f 12
frame select 12
(lldb) f +2
frame select --relative=+2
```

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```
(lldb) command regex f
    "s/^( [0-9]+ )$/frame select %1/"
    "s/^( [+ - ] [0-9]+ )$/frame select --relative=%1/"
    "s/^( .* )$/frame variable %1/"
(lldb) f 12
frame select 12
(lldb) f +2
frame select --relative=+2
(lldb) f -1
frame select --relative=-1
```


Regular Expression Aliases

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```
(lldb) command regex f
    "s/^[0-9]+$ /frame select %1/"
    "s/^[+-][0-9]+$ /frame select --relative=%1/"
    "s/^(.*)$ /frame variable %1/"
(lldb) f 12
frame select 12
(lldb) f +2
frame select --relative=+2
(lldb) f -1
frame select --relative=-1
(lldb) f
frame variable
```

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```
(lldb) command regex f
    "s/^( [0-9]+ )$/frame select %1/"
    "s/^( [+ - ] [0-9]+ )$/frame select --relative=%1/"
    "s/^( .* )$/frame variable %1/"
(lldb) f 12
frame select 12
(lldb) f +2
frame select --relative=+2
(lldb) f -1
frame select --relative=-1
(lldb) f
frame variable
(lldb) f argc argv
frame variable argc argv
```

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Add "ls" command

```
% cat /tmp/lldbshell.py
#!/usr/bin/python
import lldb
import commands
def ls_cmd(debugger, command, result, dict):
```

Python Command

Add "ls" command

```
% cat /tmp/lldbshell.py
#!/usr/bin/python
import lldb
import commands
def ls_cmd(debugger, command, result, dict):
    shell_cmd = '/bin/ls %s' % command
```

Python Command

Add "ls" command

```
% cat /tmp/lldbshell.py
#!/usr/bin/python
import lldb
import commands
def ls_cmd(debugger, command, result, dict):
    shell_cmd = '/bin/ls %s' % command
    shell_result = commands.getoutput(shell_cmd)
```

Python Command

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% cat /tmp/lldbshell.py
#!/usr/bin/python
import lldb
import commands
def ls_cmd(debugger, command, result, dict):
    shell_cmd = '/bin/ls %s' % command
    shell_result = commands.getoutput(shell_cmd)
    result.PutCString(shell_result)
```


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import lldb
import commands
def ls_cmd(debugger, command, result, dict):
    shell_cmd = '/bin/ls %s' % command
    shell_result = commands.getoutput(shell_cmd)
    result.PutCString(shell_result)
% xcrun lldb
```

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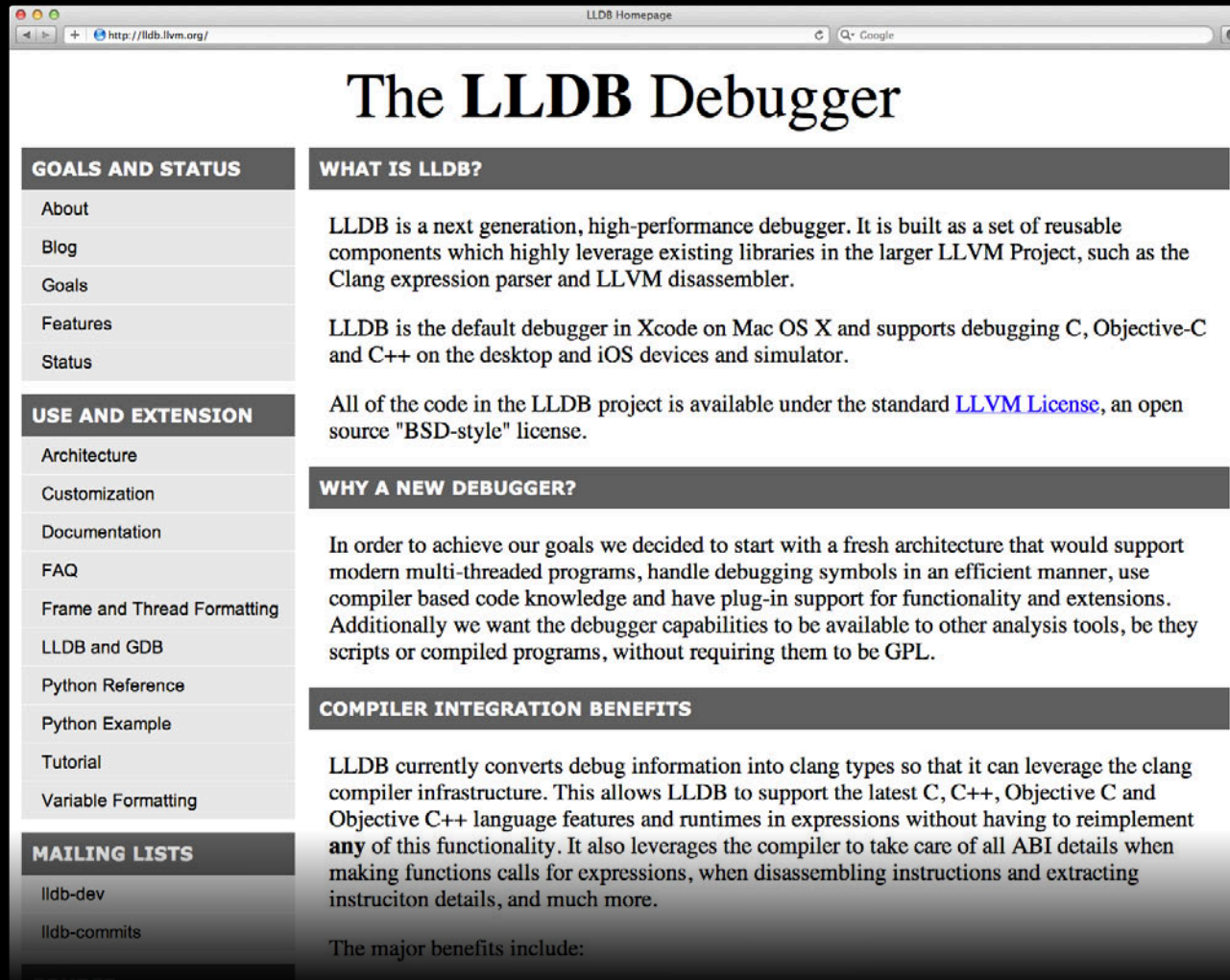
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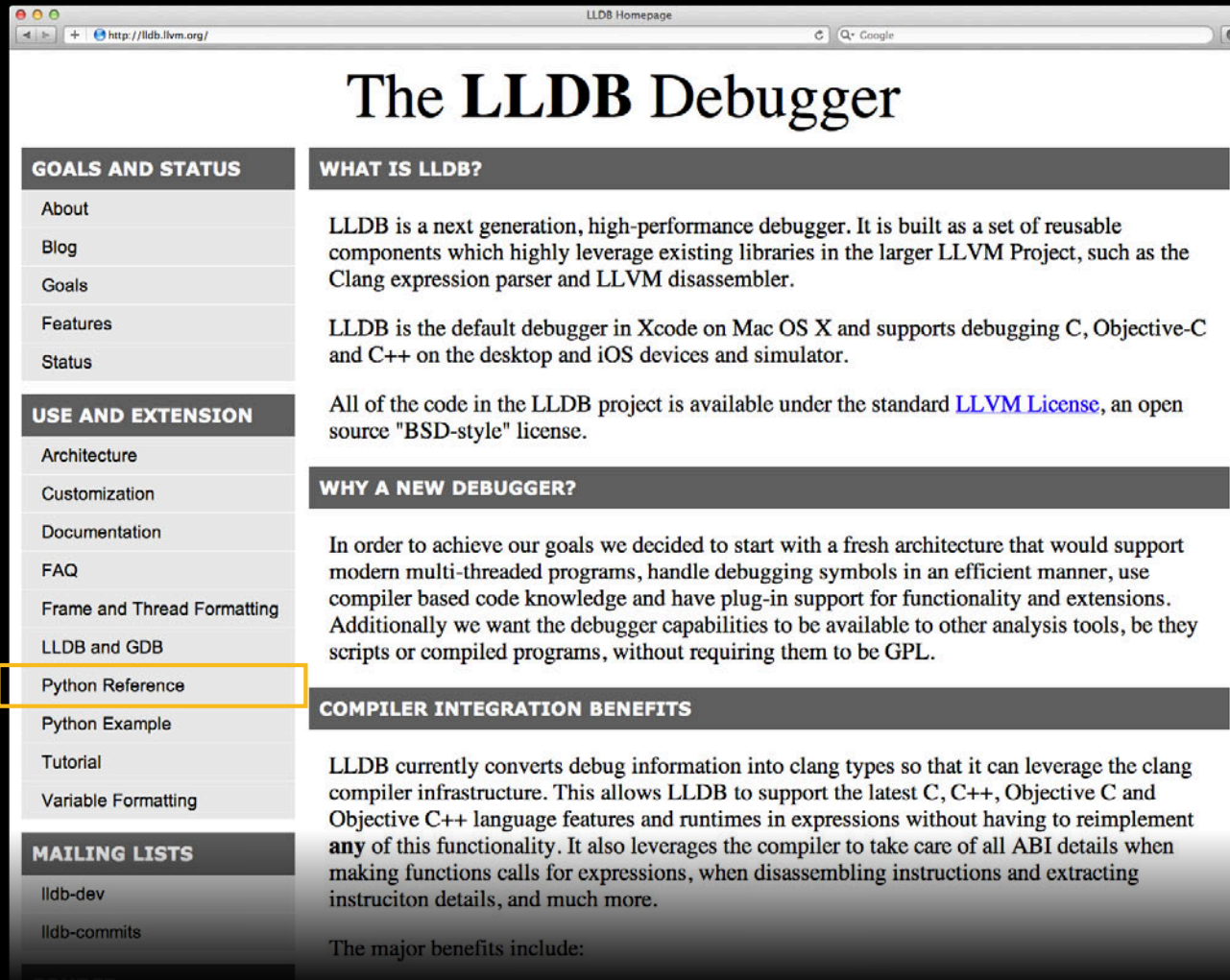
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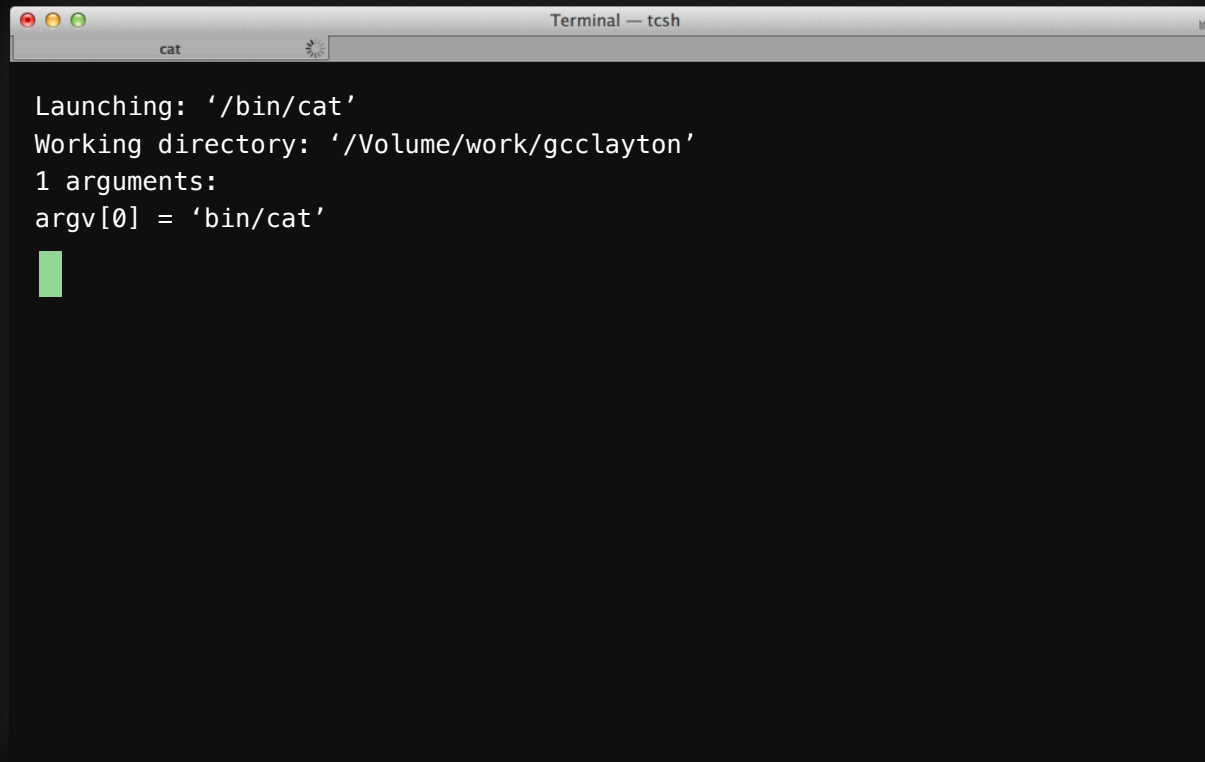
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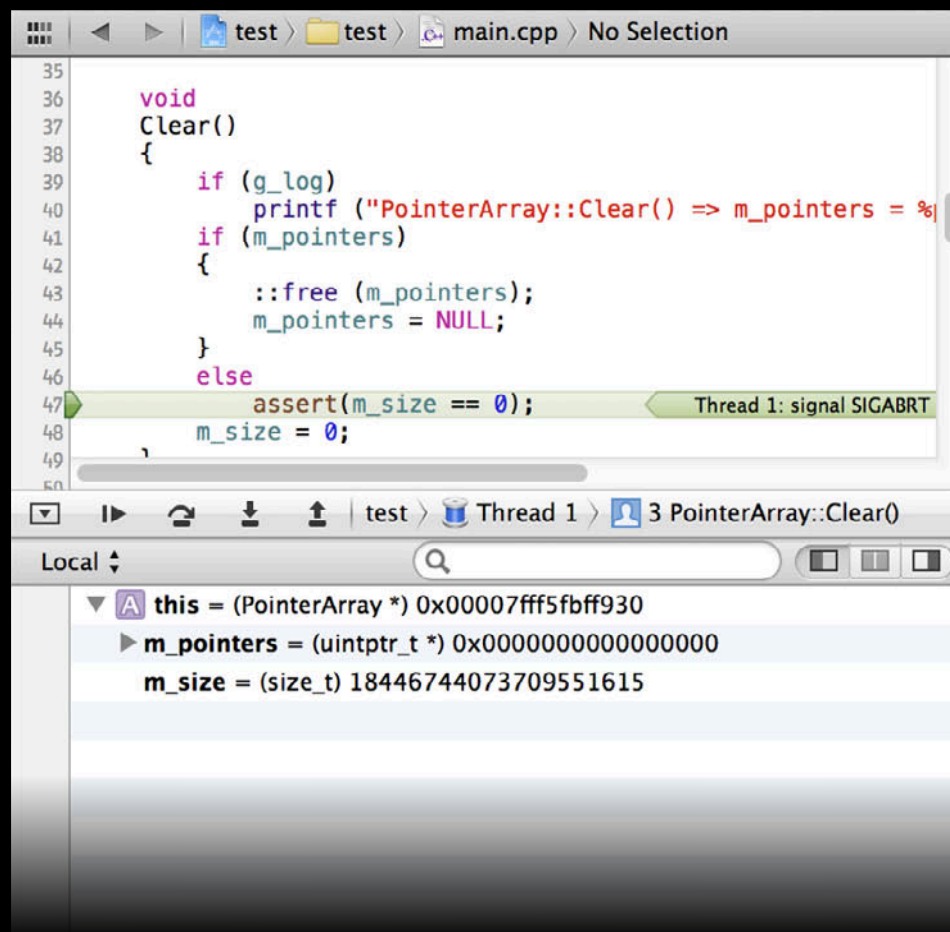
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protected:
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    size_t      m_size;
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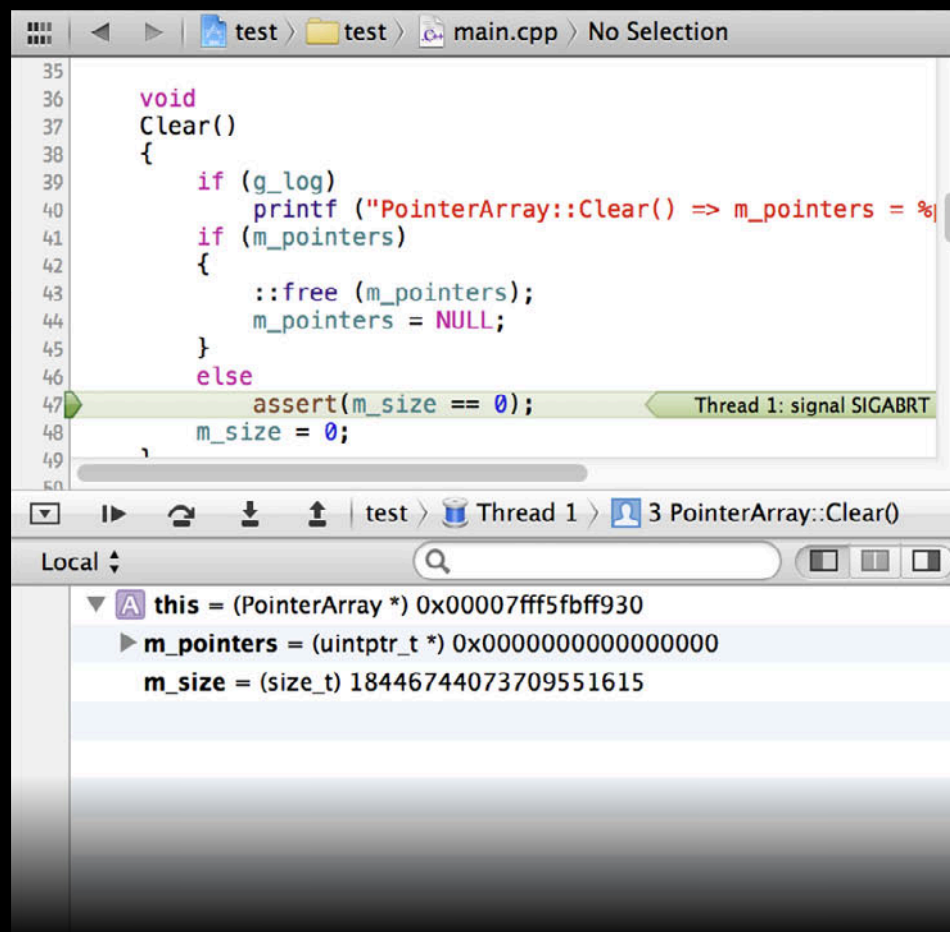
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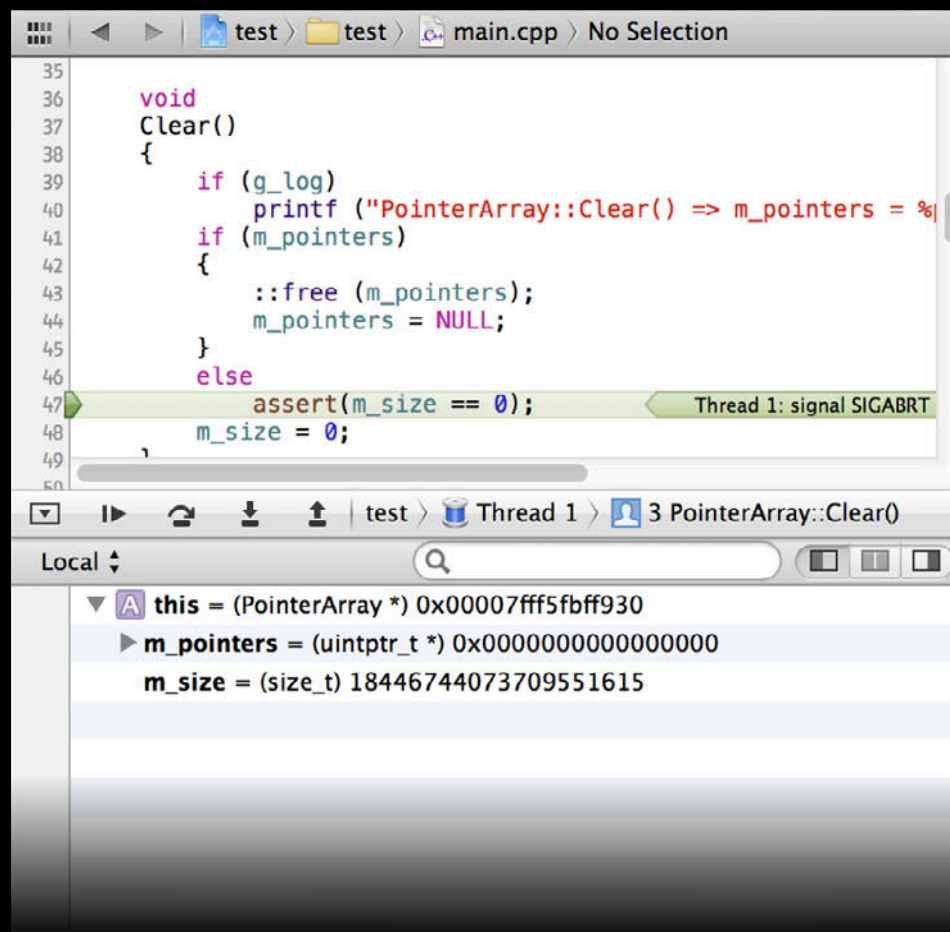
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 - Show Summaries (checked)
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(uintptr_t [2]) ptrs = {
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  [1] = 0x00000000000002222
}
```

Debug Session

Corrected default formats

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115     uintptr_t ptr;  
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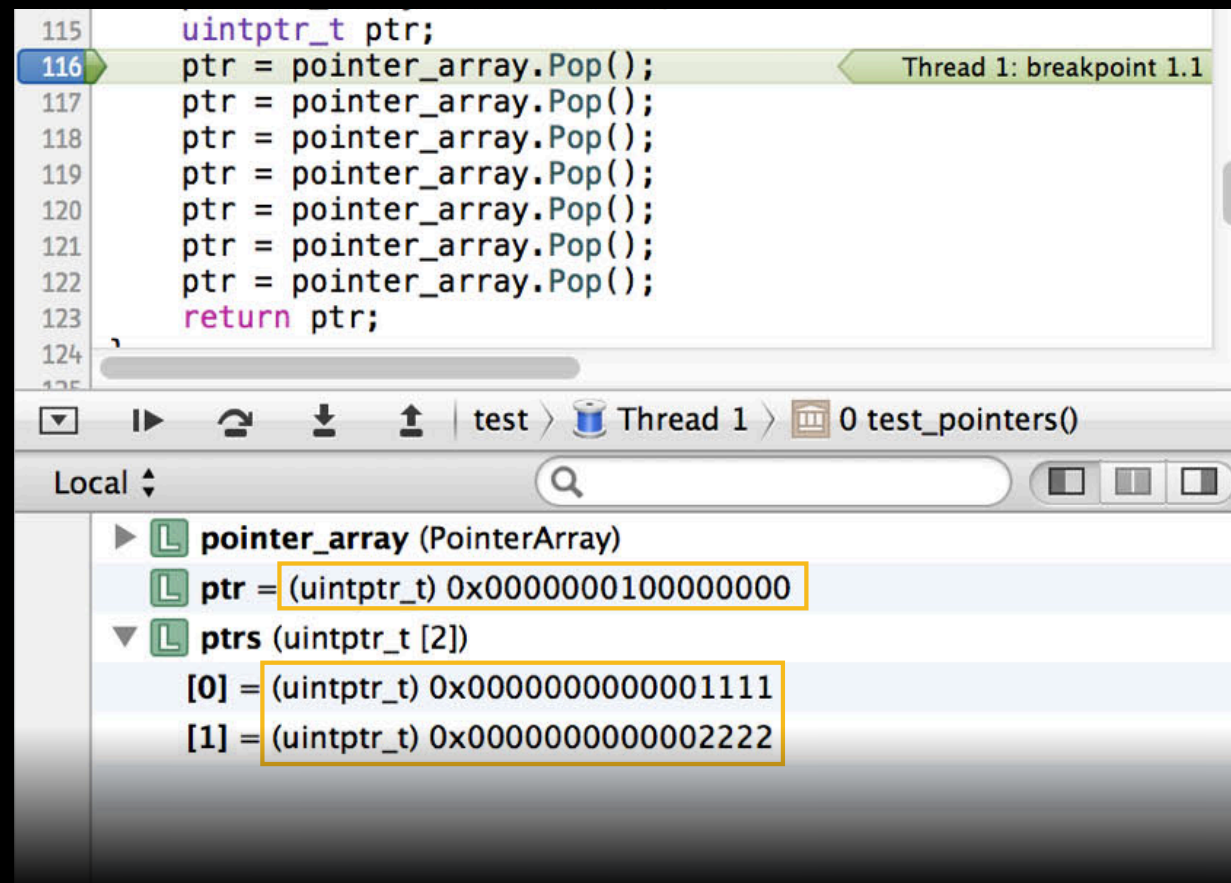
test > Thread 1 > 0 test_pointers()

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Thread 1: breakpoint 1.1

test > Thread 1 > 0 test_pointers()

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124  
125
```

test > Thread 1 > 0 test_pointers()

Local

- ▼ pointer_array (PointerArray)
 - ▶ m_pointers = (uintptr_t *) 0x00000001001009d0
 - m_size = (size_t) 4
- ▶ ptr = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000100000000
- ▶ ptrs (uintptr_t [2])

Debug Session

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(lldb) type summary add
```

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```
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      -s "size=${var.m_size} ${var.m_pointers}"
```

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```

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      PointerArray
(lldb) frame variable pointer_array
(PointerArray) pointer_array = size=1 0x100100990
```

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```

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- Example summary strings

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```
"( x = ${var.x}, y = ${var.y} )"
```

```
"string = ${var._M_dataplus._M_p%s}"
```

Debug Session

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```
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116     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
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123     return ptr;  
124  
125
```

Thread 1: breakpoint 1.1

test > Thread 1 > 0 test_pointers()

Local

- ▶ pointer_array (PointerArray) size=4 0x00000001001009d0
- ▶ ptr = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000100000000
- ▶ ptrs (uintptr_t [2])

Debug Session

Type summaries in Xcode

```
115     uintptr_t ptr;  
116     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
117     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
118     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
119     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
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```

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Local

- ▶ pointer_array (PointerArray) size=4 0x00000001001009d0
- ▶ ptr = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000100000000
- ▶ ptrs (uintptr_t [2])

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125
```

Thread 1: breakpoint 1.1

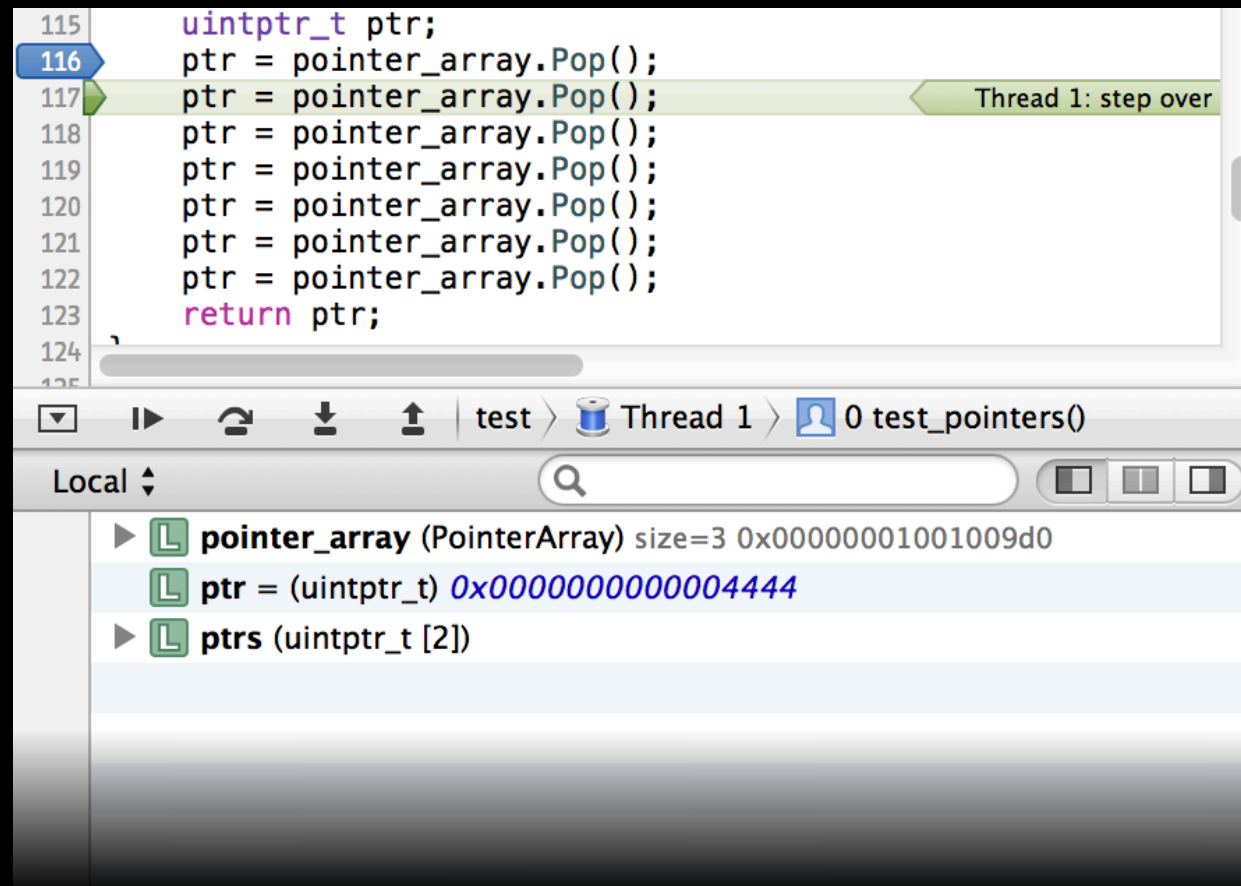
test > Thread 1 > 0 test_pointers()

Local

- ▶ pointer_array (PointerArray) size=4 0x00000001001009d0
- ▶ ptr = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000100000000
- ▶ ptrs (uintptr_t [2])

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The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE during a debug session. The code editor displays the following code:

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125
```

The current execution point is at line 117, with a green arrow pointing to the right and a tooltip that says "Thread 1: step over".

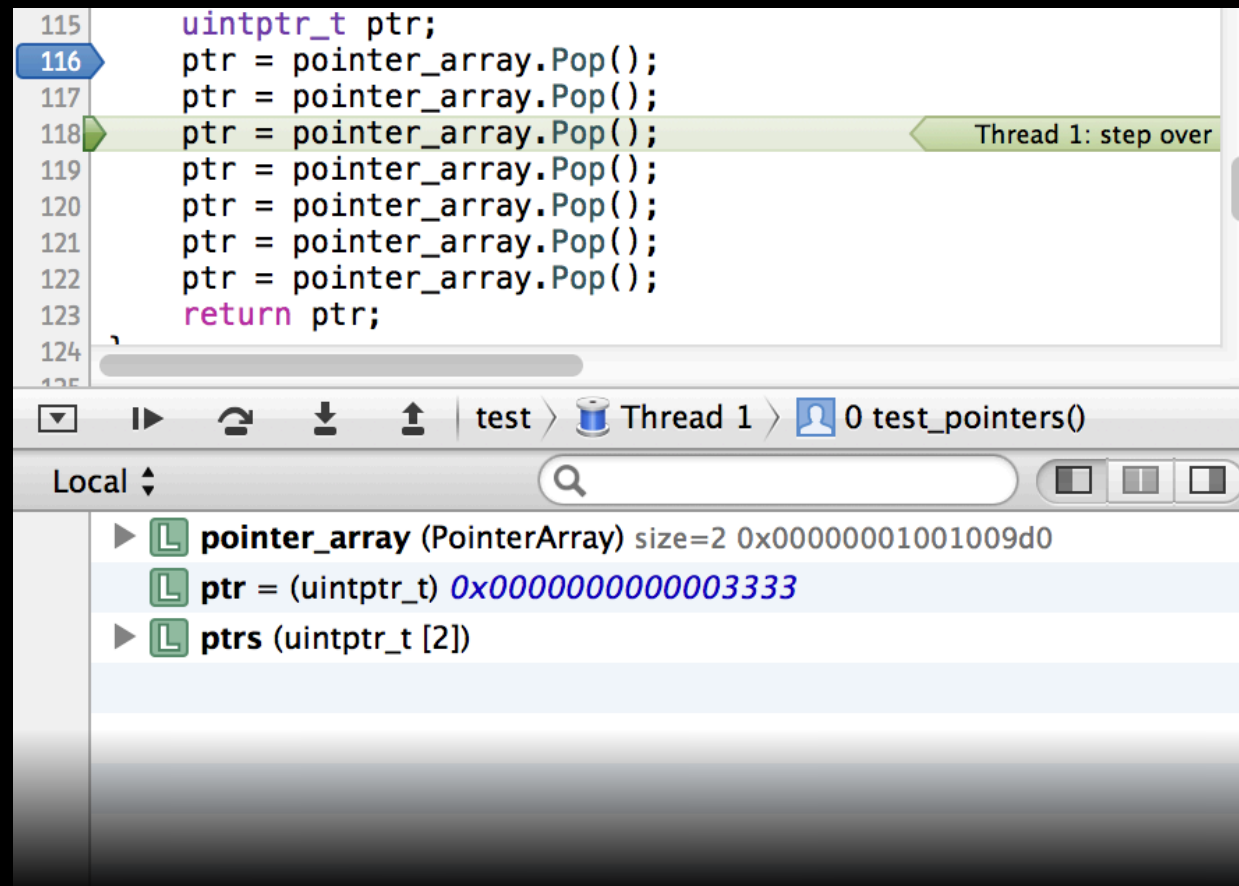
Below the code editor is the debugger toolbar, showing the current thread as "Thread 1" and the current function as "0 test_pointers()".

The "Local" pane below the toolbar shows the following variables:

- pointer_array** (PointerArray) size=3 0x00000001001009d0
- ptr** = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000000004444
- ptrs** (uintptr_t [2])

Debug Session

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The screenshot shows the Xcode debugger interface. The top pane displays a code snippet with line numbers 115 to 125. Line 118 is highlighted with a green bar, and a tooltip indicates 'Thread 1: step over'. The code is as follows:

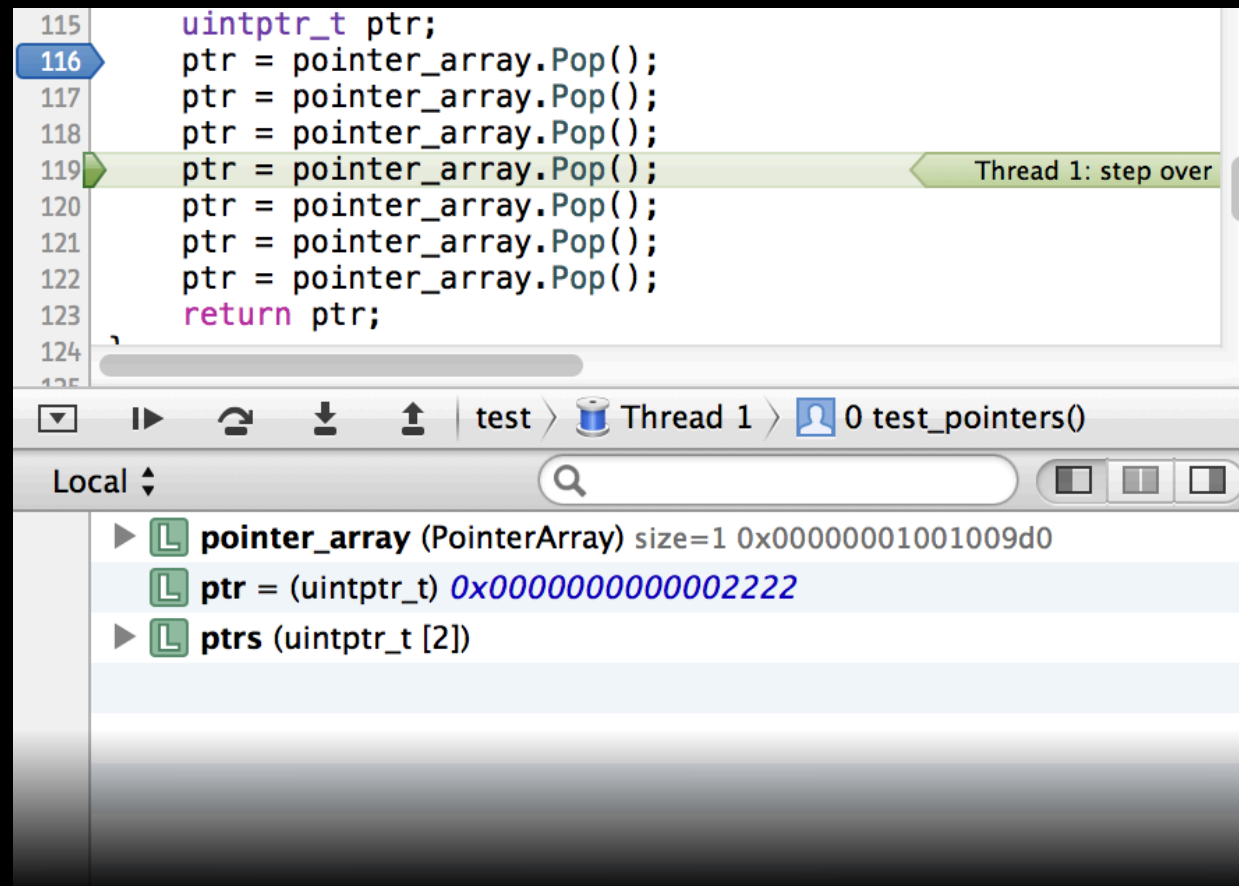
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124  
125
```

Below the code is a toolbar with various debugging icons. The current thread is identified as 'Thread 1' and the function as '0 test_pointers()'. The bottom pane, titled 'Local', shows the following variables:

- ▶ **pointer_array** (PointerArray) size=2 0x00000001001009d0
- ▶ **ptr** = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000000000333
- ▶ **ptrs** (uintptr_t [2])

Debug Session

Type summaries in Xcode

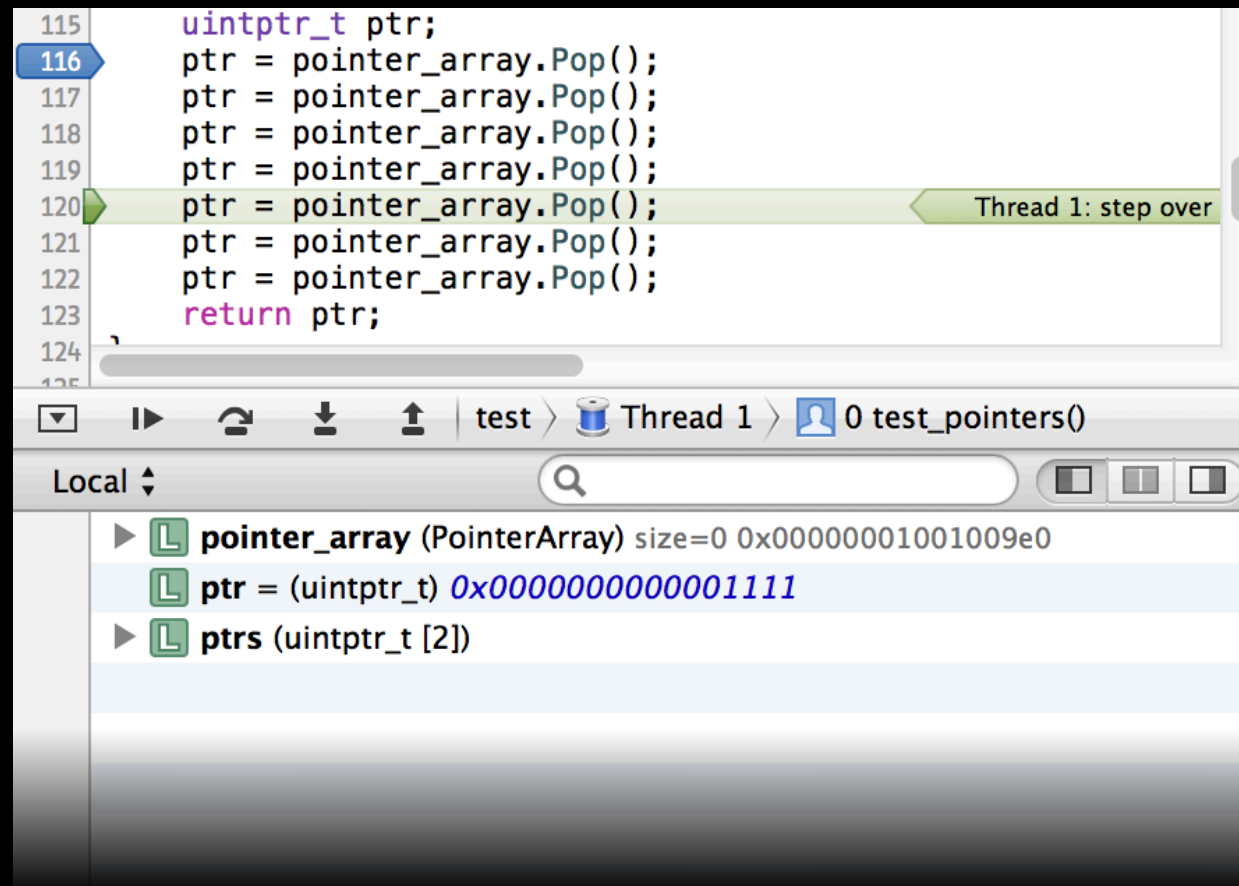


The screenshot displays the Xcode IDE during a debug session. The code editor shows a loop of five `ptr = pointer_array.Pop();` statements, with the current execution point at line 119. A green arrow points to this line, and a tooltip indicates "Thread 1: step over". Below the code editor, the "Local" pane shows the current state of variables:

- `pointer_array` (PointerArray) size=1 0x00000001001009d0
- `ptr` = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000000002222
- `ptrs` (uintptr_t [2])

Debug Session

Type summaries in Xcode



The screenshot displays the Xcode IDE during a debug session. The code editor at the top shows a series of lines where a pointer variable `ptr` is repeatedly assigned the value returned by `pointer_array.Pop()`. Line 120 is currently selected, and a green arrow points to it from the right, with the text "Thread 1: step over". Below the code editor is a toolbar with various debugging icons. The status bar shows the current thread as "Thread 1" and the current function as "0 test_pointers()". At the bottom, the "Local" variables pane is visible, showing three variables: `pointer_array` (PointerArray) with size=0 and address 0x00000001001009e0, `ptr` (uintptr_t) with value 0x0000000000001111, and `ptrs` (uintptr_t [2]).

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115     uintptr_t ptr;  
116     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
117     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
118     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
119     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
120     ptr = pointer_array.Pop();  
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123     return ptr;  
124  
125
```

Thread 1: step over

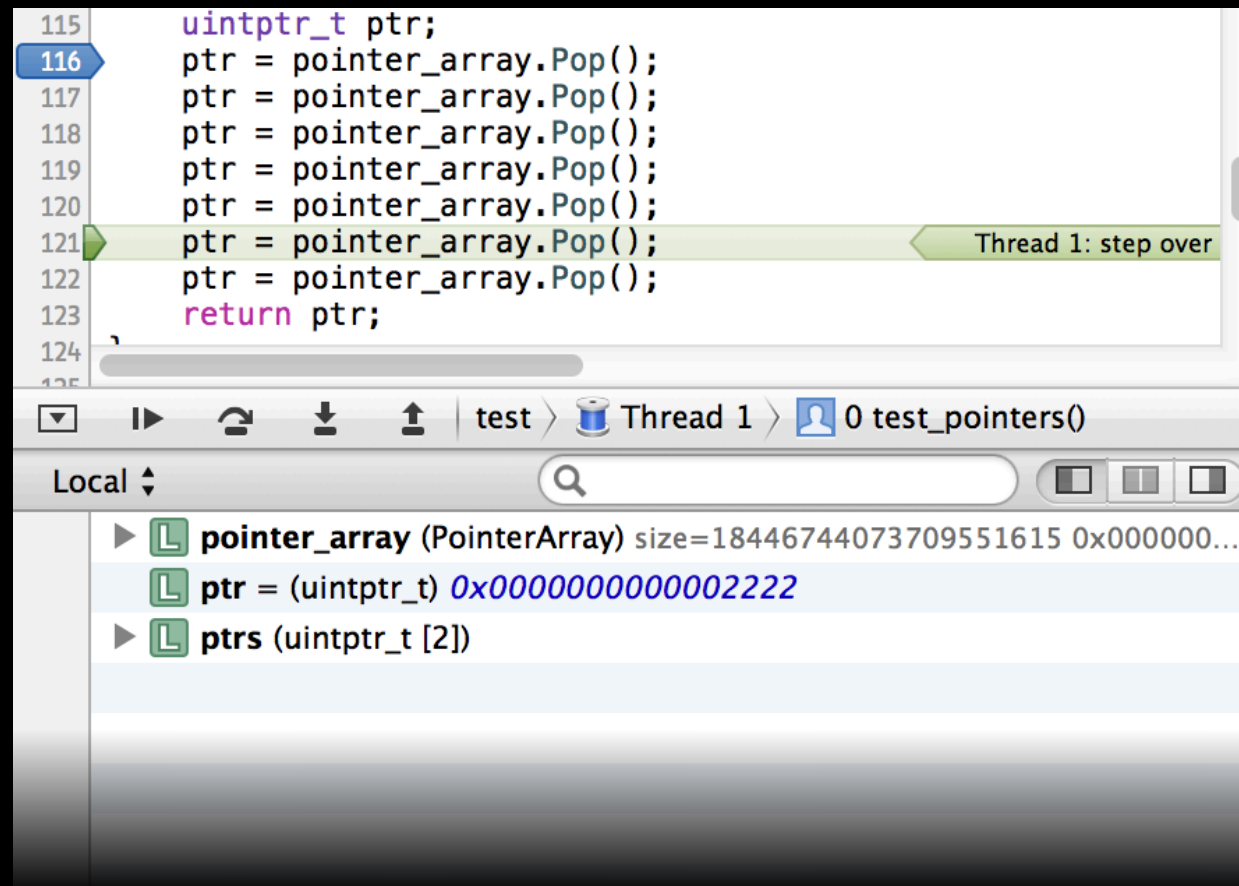
test > Thread 1 > 0 test_pointers()

Local

- ▶ `pointer_array` (PointerArray) size=0 0x00000001001009e0
- ▶ `ptr` = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000000001111
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Debug Session

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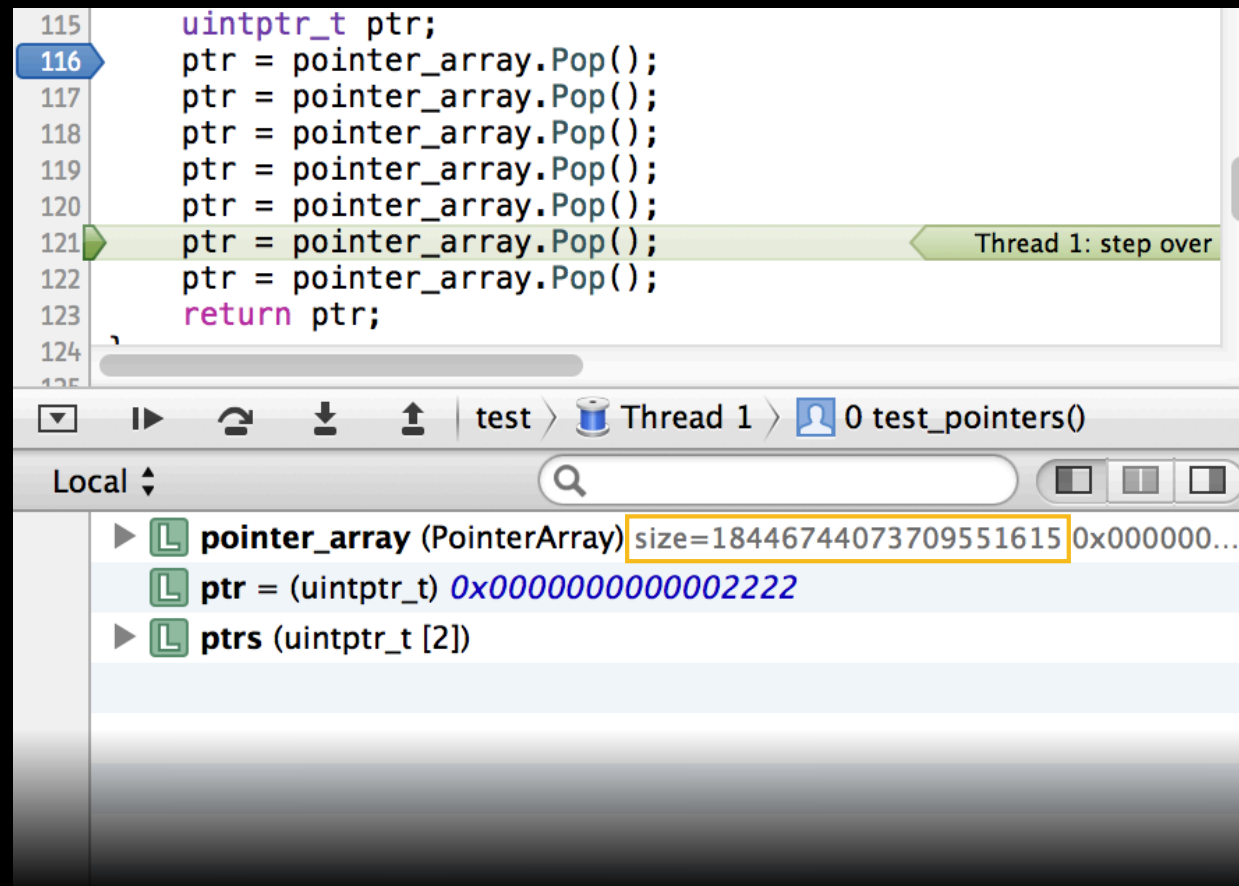
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123     return ptr;  
124  
125
```

The execution is paused at line 121. A green arrow points to the start of the line, and a green bar with the text "Thread 1: step over" is positioned to the right of the code. The local variables pane at the bottom shows the following variables:

- pointer_array** (PointerArray) size=18446744073709551615 0x000000...
- ptr** = (uintptr_t) 0x0000000000000222
- ptrs** (uintptr_t [2])

Debug Session

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Thread 1: step over

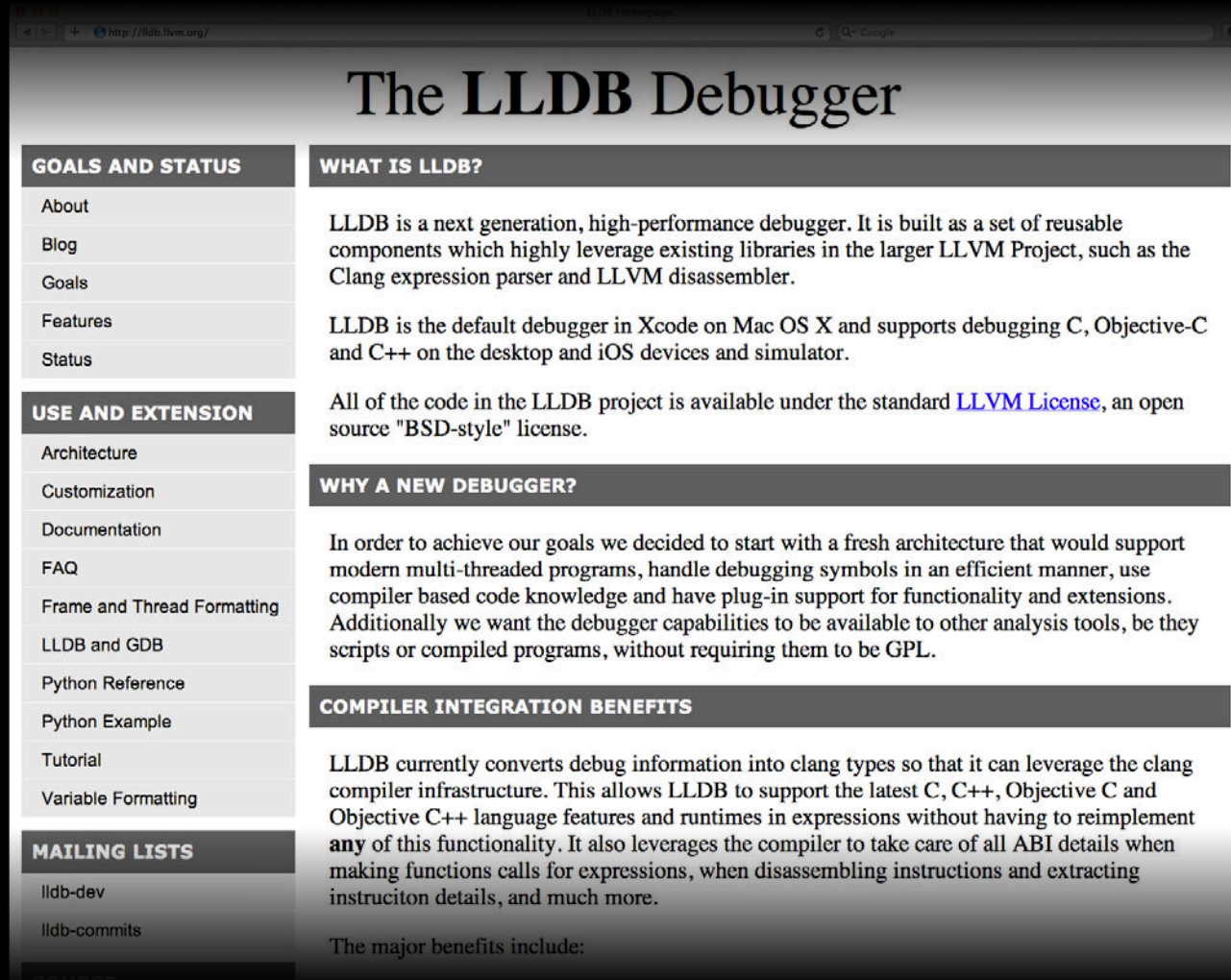
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Variable Formatting Reference

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The screenshot shows the LLDB Debugger website. The browser address bar displays `http://lldb.linux.org/`. The main heading is "The LLDB Debugger".

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WHAT IS LLDB?

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WHY A NEW DEBUGGER?

In order to achieve our goals we decided to start with a fresh architecture that would support modern multi-threaded programs, handle debugging symbols in an efficient manner, use compiler based code knowledge and have plug-in support for functionality and extensions. Additionally we want the debugger capabilities to be available to other analysis tools, be they scripts or compiled programs, without requiring them to be GPL.

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	REUSABILITY

Debug Session

Expressions

```
109  uintptr_t  
110  test_pointers ()  
111  {  
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };  
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);  
114  →  uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop(); ← Threa  
115      return ptr;  
116  }
```

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109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
114      {
115          <expression>
116      }
117      uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop();
118      return ptr;
119  }
```

(lldb) expression <expression>

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 - With LLDB, much more...

Debug Session

Simple expression

```
109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
114      {
115          ptrs[1] != 0x2222
116      }
114  > uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop(); < Thread 1: breakp
115      return ptr;
116  }
```

(lldb) expression ptrs[1] != 0x2222

Debug Session

Multiple statements

```
109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
114      {
115          ptrs[0] = 0x1234;
116          ptrs[1] = 0x2345;
117      }
118      uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop();
119      return ptr;
120  }
```

Thread 1: breakpoint

```
(lldb) ptrs[0] = 0x1234; ptrs[1] = 0x2345;
<no result>
```

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Expression local variables

```
109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
      {
          uintptr_t i = 12;
          i + ptr
      }
114  > uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop(); < Thread 1: breakp
115      return ptr;
116  }
```

```
(lldb) uintptr_t i = 12; i + ptr
(float) $1 = 14.2
```


Debug Session

Expression global variables

```
109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
114      {
115          uintptr_t $last_ptr = ptr
116      }
117      uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop();
118      return ptr;
119  }
```

Thread 1: breakp

```
(lldb) expression uintptr_t $last_ptr = ptr
<no result>
```


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Stopping in expression code

```
109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
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115      return ptr;
116  }
```

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```

(lldb) expression --unwind-on-error=0 --

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Stopping in expression code

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109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
114      {
115          while(pointer_array.Size() >= 0)
116              pointer_array.Pop();
117      }
118      uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop();
119      return ptr;
120  }
```

Thread 1: breakp

```
(lldb) expression --unwind-on-error=0 --
while(pointer_array.Size() >= 0)
    pointer_array.Pop()
```

Debug Session

Define local types

```
109  uintptr_t
110  test_pointers ()
111  {
112      uintptr_t ptrs[] = { 0x1111, 0x2222 };
113      PointerArray pointer_array (ptrs, 2);
          {
              struct test { int x; int e[0]; };
              sizeof(test)
          }
114  →  uintptr_t ptr = pointer_array.Pop(); ← Thread 1: breakp
115      return ptr;
116  }
```

```
(lldb) expression struct test { int x; int e[0]; };
        sizeof(test)
```

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```
const char *arg;
```

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```
const char *arg;
```

```
int i=0;
```

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(lldb)
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Expressions

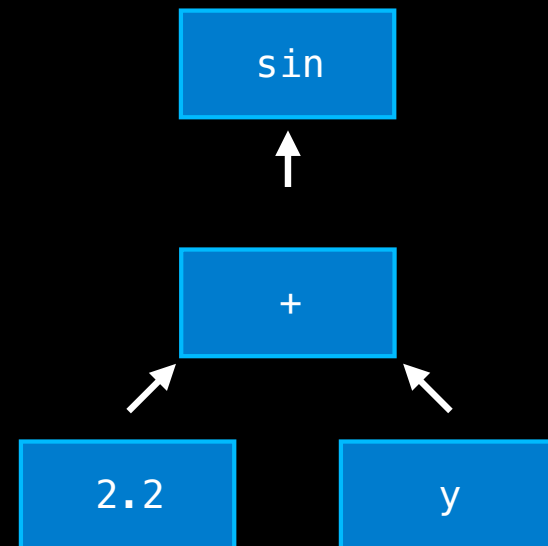
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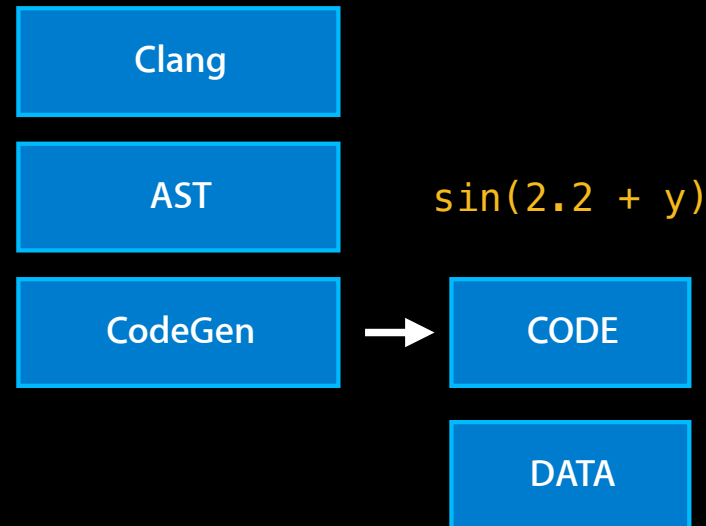
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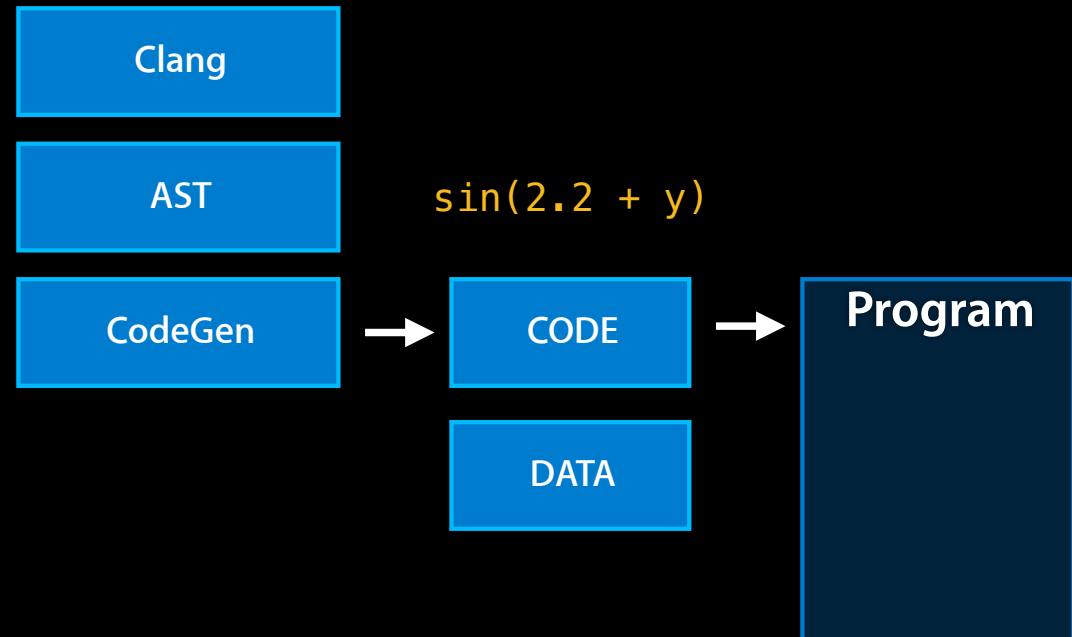
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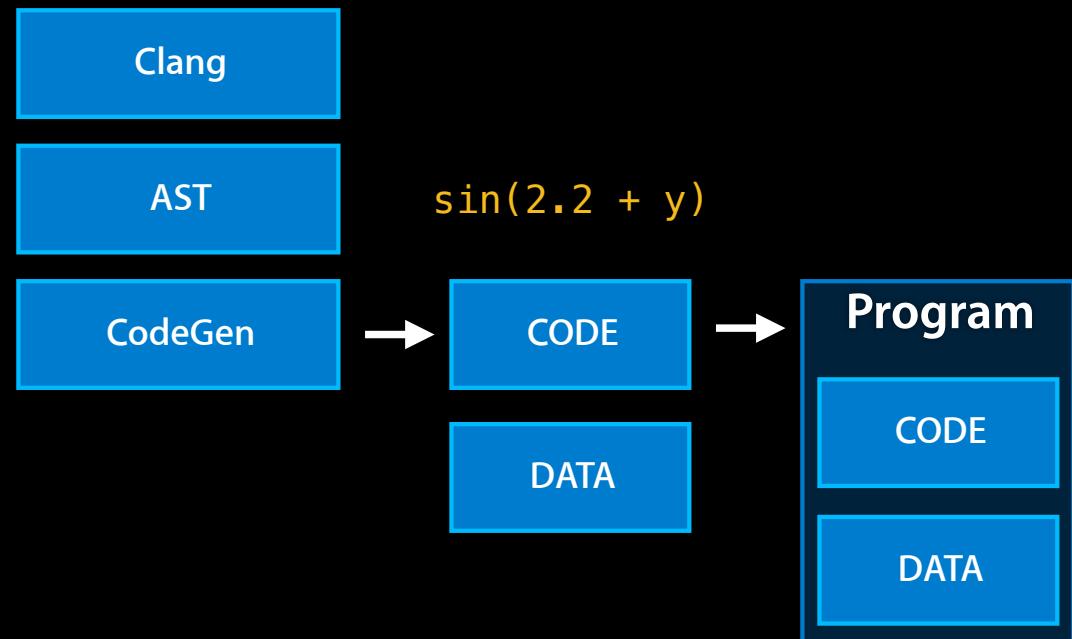
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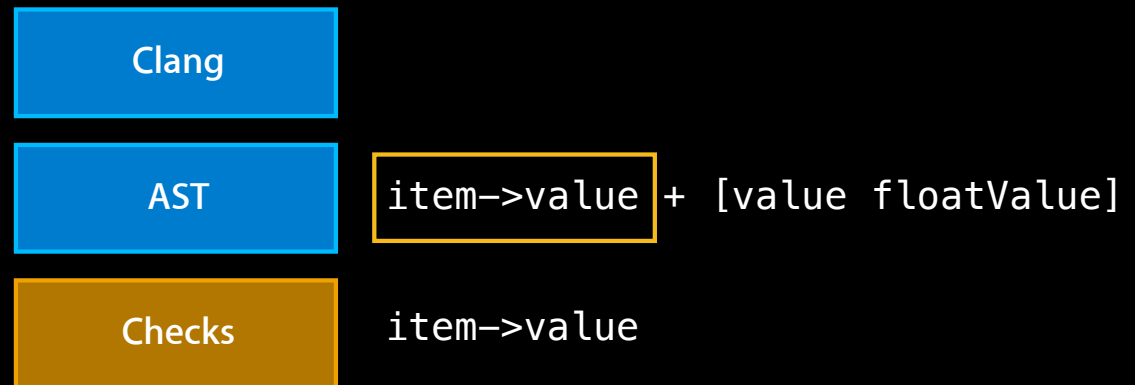
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Thread[0] EXC_BAD_ACCESS (SIGSEGV) (KERN_INVALID_ADDRESS at
0x0000000000000000)
[ 0] 0x00007fff8ad164f0 libsystem_c.dylib`strlen + 16
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0x00007fff8ad164e4:    movl %edi, %ecx
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0x00007fff8ad164e9:    andq $-16, %rdi
0x00007fff8ad164ed:    orl $-1, %eax
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<http://lldb.lvm.org>

Python Reference

<http://lldb.lvm.org/python-reference.html>

Variable Formats and Summaries

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