

KGDB Quick Start

1. Software setup and applying the kgdb patch

1. Downloaded Linux kernel source : [linux-2.6.15.5.tar.bz2](#)
2. Downloaded the Kgdb patch : [linux-2.6.15.5-kgdb-2.4.tar.bz2](#)
3. Unzip the kernel sources


```
cd ${BASE_DIR}
tar -jxvf linux-2.6.15.5.tar.bz2
```
4. cd `${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5`
5. Unzip the kgdb patch

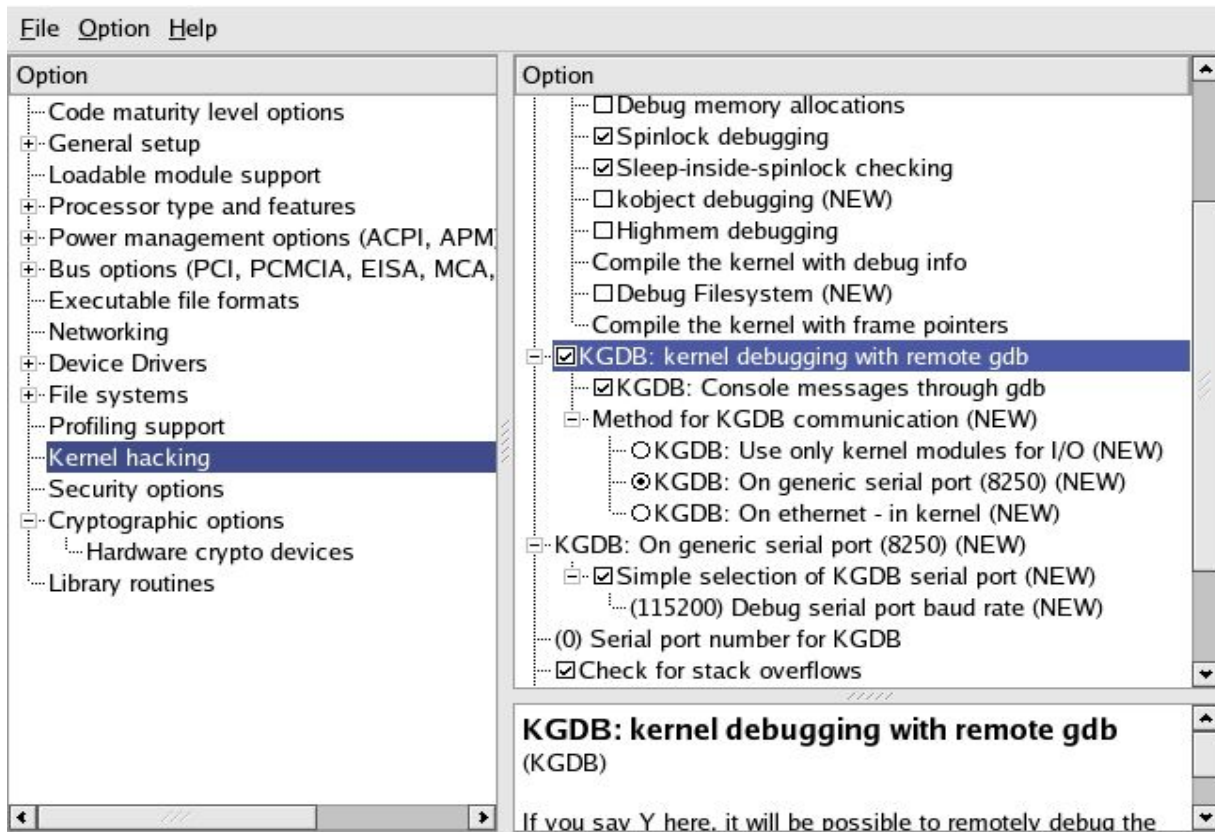

```
tar -jxvf linux-2.6.15.5-kgdb-2.4.tar.bz2
```

Make sure that you are in the `${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5` directory and then apply Kgdb patches :

```
patch -p1 < ${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5-kgdb-2.4/core-lite.patch
.....
patch -p1 < ${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5-kgdb-2.4/i386.patch
```

2. Compiling the kernel on the development machine

1. In the `${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5/Makefile`, set the `EXTRAVERSION = -kgdb`
2. `make xconfig` or `make oldconfig`
 - Select the options appropriate for the target machine Hardware.
 - Select the options pertaining to kgdb under "Kernel hacking" .



3. make bzImage
4. Transfer the built kernel to the Target machine from the Development machine .
Copy the Kernel image from `/${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5/arch/i386/boot/bzImage` to the target machine as `/boot/vmlinuz-2.6.15.5-kgdb`
Copy the Map file from `/${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5/System.map` to the target machine as `/boot/System.map-2.6.15.5-kgdb`
Also create links,

```
In -s /boot/vmlinuz-2.6.15.5-kgdb /boot/vmlinuz
In -s /boot/System.map-2.6.15.5-kgdb /boot/System.map
```
5. Edit the `/boot/grub/grub.conf` file in the target machine to have the kgdb enabled kernel entry.

```
title Linux-2.6.15.5-kgdb
root (hd0,0)
kernel /boot/vmlinuz-2.6.15.5-kgdb ro root=/dev/hda1 kgdbwait
```

3. Starting the debug session

1. After booting the target machine will wait for the host development machine to connect, by displaying the message :-
Waiting for connection from remote gdb...
2. `cd ${BASE_DIR}/linux-2.6.15.5`
3. For setting a debug session with baud rate of 115200 on `/dev/ttyS0` , run as "root" user:-

```
<root#> gdb ./vmlinux
GNU gdb Red Hat Linux (6.0post-0.20040223.17rh)
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welcome to change it and/or distribute copies of it under certain conditions.
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This GDB was configured as "i386-redhat-linux-gnu"...Using host libthread_db library
"/lib/tls/libthread_db.so.1".
(gdb) set remotebaud 115200
(gdb) target remote /dev/ttyS0
Remote debugging using /dev/ttyS0
breakpoint () at kernel/kgdb.c:1212
1212      atomic_set(&kgdb_setting_breakpoint, 0);
warning: shared library handler failed to enable breakpoint
(gdb)
```
4. For further commands refer <http://kgdb.linsyssoft.com/tockdebug.htm>

4. Using kgdb ethernet interface

1. Add following line in the grub entry :

```
kgdboe=@10.0.0.6/,@10.0.0.3/      (that's kgdboe=@LOCAL-IP/,@REMOTE-IP/)
```

Sample `grub.conf` which will by default boot the kgdb enabled kernel

```
title Linux-2.6.15.5-kgdb(eth)
root (hd0,0)
kernel /boot/vmlinuz-2.6.15.5-kgdb ro root=/dev/hda1 kgdboe=@10.0.0.6/,@10.0.0.3/
console=ttyS0,115200
```
2. Then for starting the debug session give following command on gdb.

```
(gdb) ./vmlinux
(gdb) target remote udp:HOSTNAME:6443
```
3. For further commands refer <http://kgdb.linsyssoft.com/tockdebug.htm>

5. Useful links and Miscellaneous information

1. Useful Links :

<http://kgdb.linsyssoft.com/>

<http://kgdb.linsyssoft.com/downloads/>

2. Bug Report :

kgdb-bugreport@lists.sourceforge.net