

# What to Do When It is Already Too Late ?

Crashdumps for Embedded Systems

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# Scope of this Talk

- Crashes mostly in C/C++
- On Embedded Linux
  - (parts apply for Windows, QNX as well)
- Crashes induced from the inside and outside of processes
- No kernel panics, the OS must be functioning at this point
- *SW-Devs'-Assumption-#1* holds: Hardware just works

# 1. Background

## Embrace the Fail

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- EvalBoards
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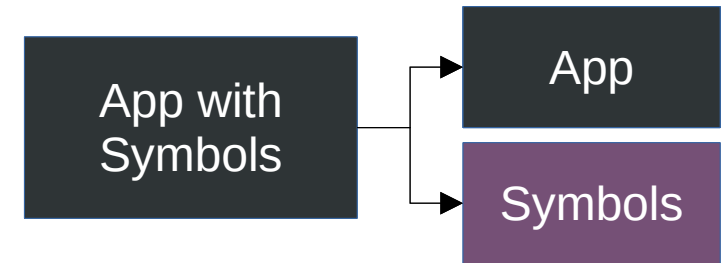
Boils down to  
storage <vs.> no storage

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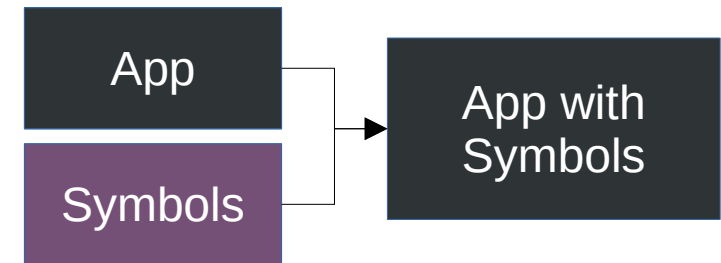
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# Crashdumps and Symbols

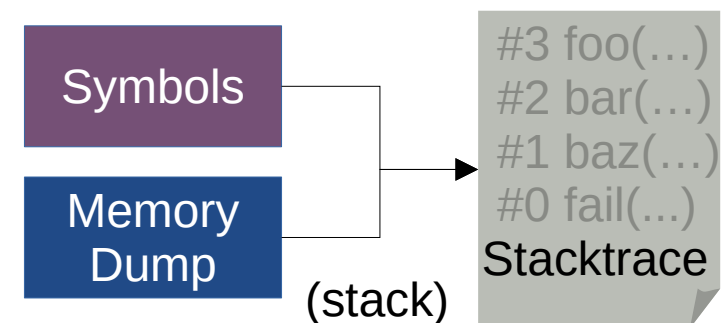
- Symbols are needed:
  - To make addresses readable for humans
  - To reconstruct the contents of the Stack
  - To infer Line Numbers
- You will get symbols with -g
- Symbols are *independent* of optimization (-g, -O2)
- Symbols are huge



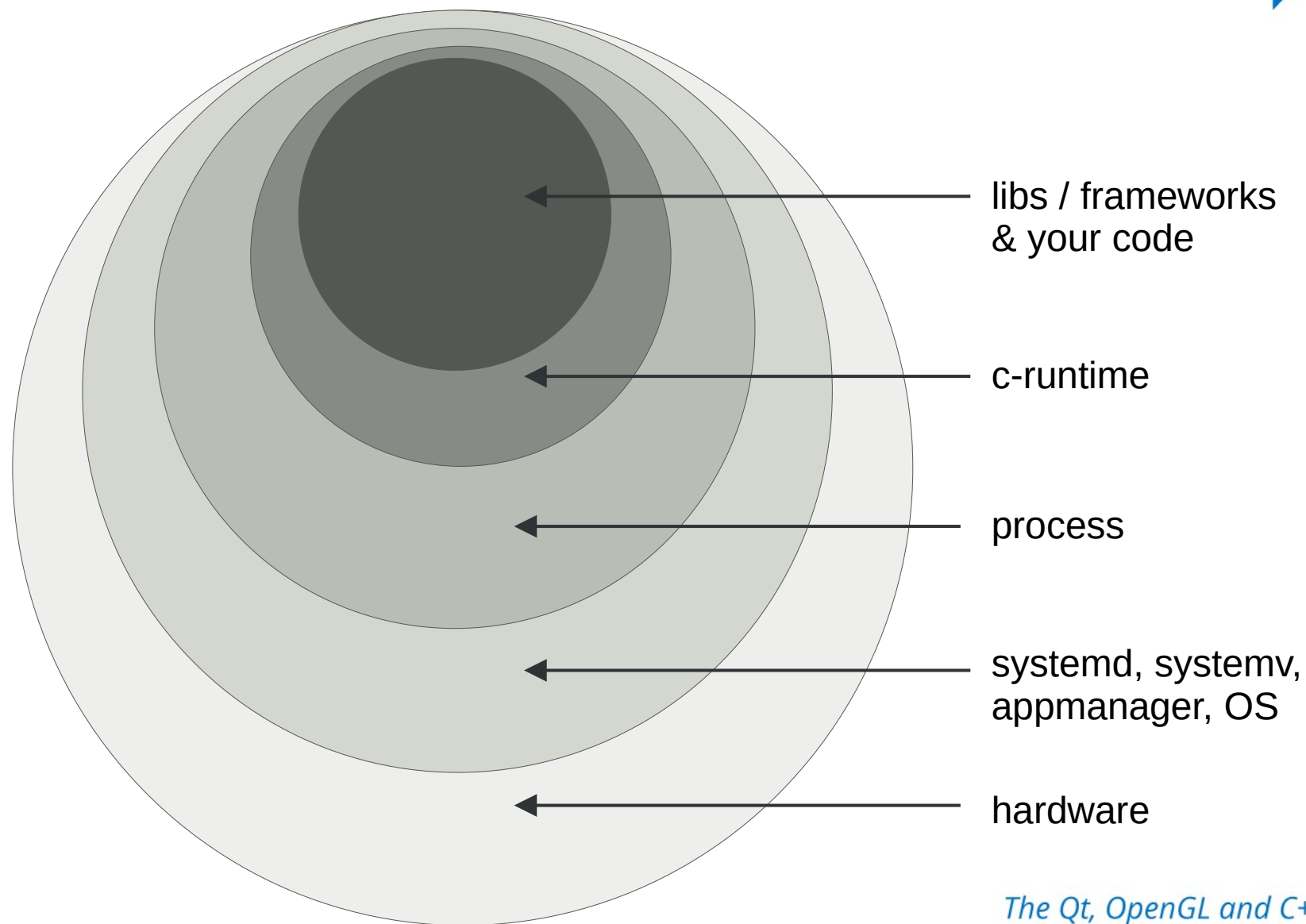
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unstripping



Code is embedded  
in many  
execution  
contexts.





## 4 Bytes of Core Memory: Arduino Module

# 2. Coredumps

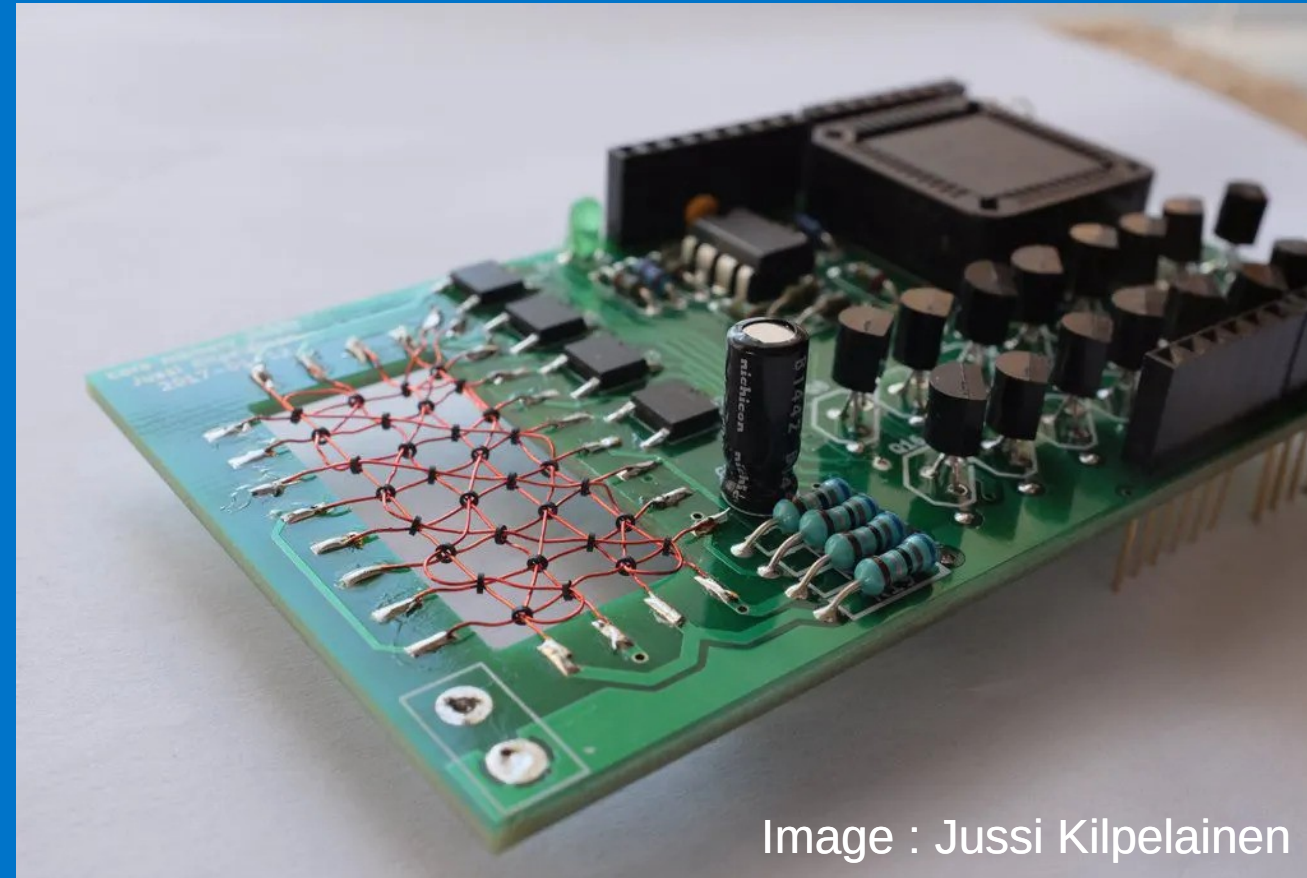
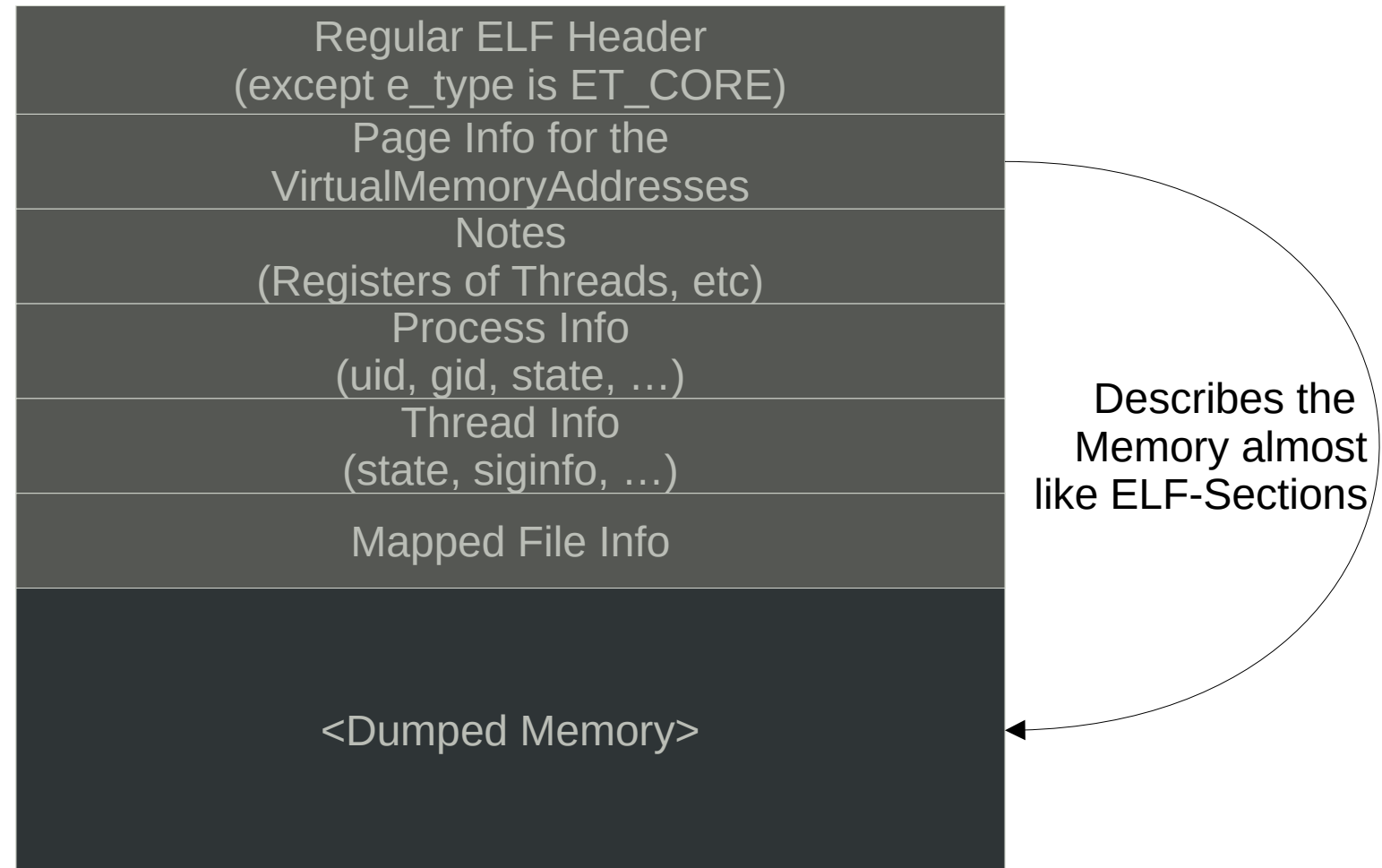


Image : Jussi Kilpelainen

# What do Core dumps Look Like?



# Prerequisites

- CONFIG\_COREDUMP enabled when compiling the Kernel
- Executable must be readable (cores reveal your secrets...)
- Process must have permissions to write the core

## **Special problems on embedded:**

- You need enough space to store it
- You need enough bandwidth to transfer it

# Enable by setting limits

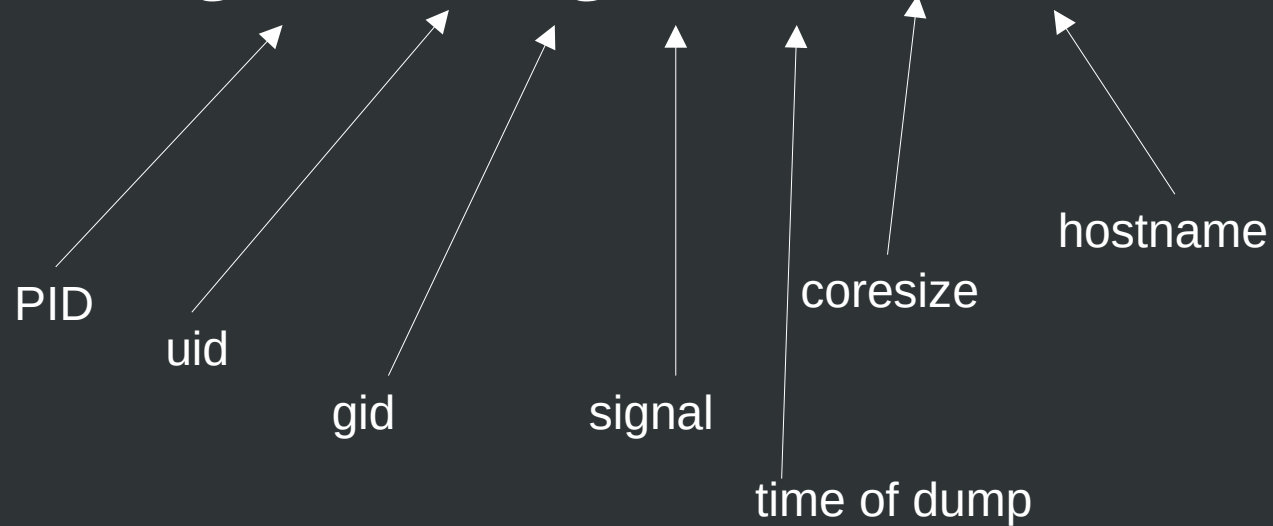
```
root@imx6ul-var-dart:~# ulimit -a
core file size          (blocks, -c) 0
data seg size          (kbytes, -d) unlimited
scheduling priority    (-e) 0
```



```
root@imx6ul-var-dart:~# ulimit -c unlimited
root@imx6ul-var-dart:~# ulimit -a
core file size          (blocks, -c) unlimited
data seg size          (kbytes, -d) unlimited
scheduling priority    (-e) 0
file size              (blocks, -f) unlimited
pending signals        (-i) 3938
```

# */proc/sys/kernel/core\_pattern*

Path containing %P %u %g %s %t %c %h



# CoreDumps: Did you know?

- You can **advise** memory pages to be excluded from a coredump
  - Use **advise** with **MADV\_DONTDUMP** flag
- You can pipe coredumps to stdin of another process
  - Make your corePattern start with a | character, followed by the receiving process
  - Systemd coredumpctl does it |**/usr/lib/systemd/systemd-coredump**
- GDBs **gcore** can create a core of a running process
  - and the process survives

## Development: have GDB on your target!

- At the Development stage, just have a gdb on the target
- Find a way to store the coredump
- If you get a crash producing a coredump, rejoin symbols:
  - Use the elfutils bin **eu-unstrip** **<executable>** **<symbols>**
  - Repeat for all relevant libraries you need for heap / stack
- Its a bit tedious, its worth it, if you need heap information
- If no heap is needed, there are better ways

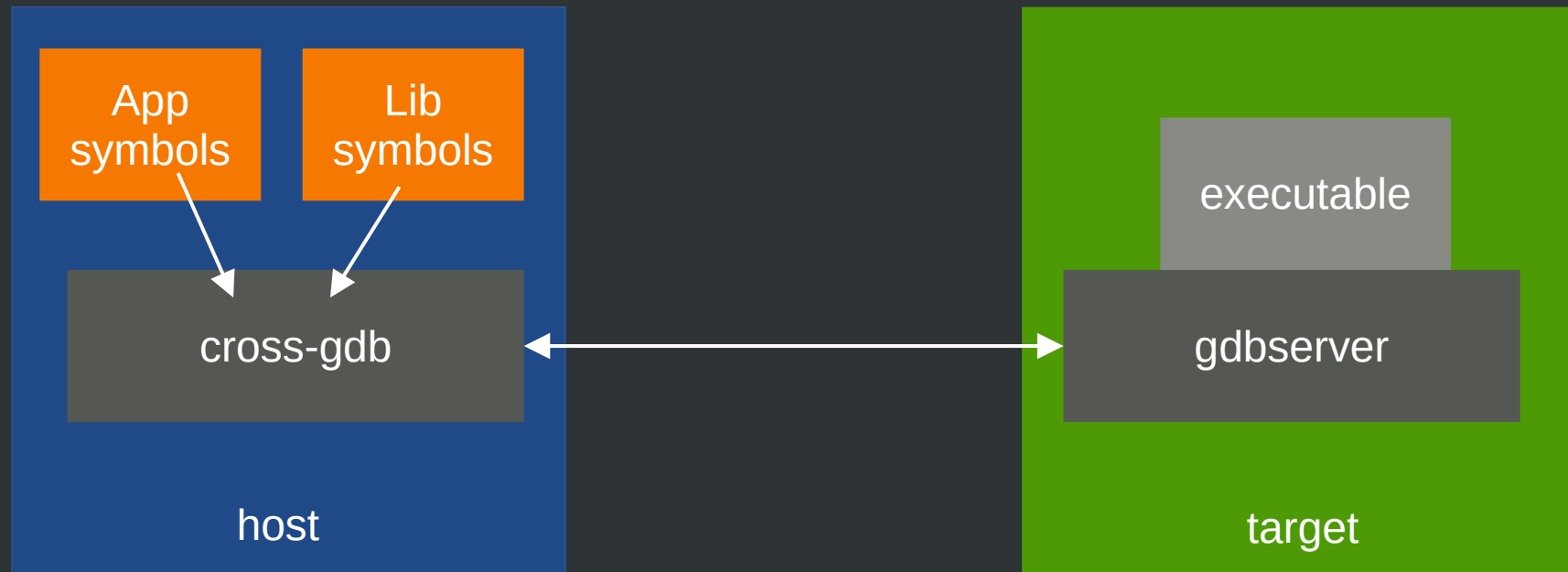
# Cross-Platform CoreDump Analysis

- A cross-gdb (from your toolchain) on your Desktop
- The exact same executable that crashed (with symbols!)
- Symbols for all relevant libraries when it crashed
- The core file
- Optionally /proc/kallsyms from the target
- Carefully feed SDK-Paths and Libs to get a stacktrace

```
(gdb) set sysroot /opt/sdk  
(gdb) set solib-search-path /opt/extralibs
```



# GDB-Server: A Hybrid



# Poor-Man's SlimDump: Backward-Cpp

# By François-Xavier Bourlet, @bombela

## - The Pitch

```
christoph@mareike /tmp/backward-cpp/build $ ./test_suicide  
Segmentation fault (core dumped)
```

Tired of seeing this ?

```
230:         } else {
#3 Source "/tmp/backward-cpp/test/_test_main.cpp", line 140, in run_test [0x55e66a01cd0c]
    138:     pid_t child_pid = fork();
    139:     if (child_pid == 0) {
> 140:         exit(static_cast<int>(test.run()));
    141:     }
    142:     if (child_pid == -1) {
    143:         error(EXIT_FAILURE, 0, "unable to fork");
#2 Source "/tmp/backward-cpp/test/test.hpp", line 92, in run [0x55e66a01d143]
    90:     TestStatus run() {
    91:         try {
> 92:             do_test();
    93:             return SUCCESS;
    94:         } catch (const AssertFailedError &e) {
    95:             printf("!! %s\n", e.what());
#1 Source "/tmp/backward-cpp/test/suicide.cpp", line 40, in do_test [0x55e66a00e940]
    37:     *ptr = 42;
    38: }
    39:
> 40: TEST_SEGFAULT(invalid_write) { badass_function(); }
    41:
    42: int you_shall_not_pass() {
    43:     char *ptr = (char *)42;
#0 Source "/tmp/backward-cpp/test/suicide.cpp", line 37, in badass_function [0x55e66a00e92a]
    35: void badass_function() {
    36:     char *ptr = (char *)42;
> 37:     *ptr = 42;
    38: }
    39:
    40: TEST_SEGFAULT(invalid_write) { badass_function(); }
```

Then Try  
backward-cpp :)

Segmentation fault (Address not mapped to object [0x2a])

!! signal (11) Segmentation fault

christoph@mareike /tmp/backward-cpp/build \$ █

# Backward-cpp

- Include a header + 1 Line of initialization, done
  - You might need to add some unwinding libraries for it in your Sysroot
- Symbols are necessary in build (-g), fat binaries
- Does stack unwinding in the signal handlers
- Requires access to the source code to print it
- Can be easily customized further
  - This is great for Development!

The Sanitizers can help you as well.

# Crash output of an executable, instrumented with the gcc/clang address sanitizer

```
AddressSanitizer:DEADLYSIGNAL
=====
==46184==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: SEGV on unknown address 0x00000000002a (pc 0x5
==46184==The signal is caused by a WRITE memory access.
==46184==Hint: address points to the zero page.
#0 0x555c1c0f1fd4 in ManualBrewing::setPump
#1 0x555c1c4d7cf5 in ManualBrewing::qt_metacall
#2 0x7f9e58707d5f in QQmlPropertyPrivate::write

#3 0x7f9e58633078 in QV4::QObjectWrapper::setProperty
#4 0x7f9e58633aa8 in QV4::QObjectWrapper::setQmlProperty

#5 0x7f9e58633c46 in QV4::QObjectWrapper::virtualPut
#6 0x7f9e585fe52a in QV4::Object::virtualResolveLookupSetter
#7 0x7f9e5864c808 (/usr/lib/libQt5Qml.so.5+0x1b0808)
#8 0x7f9e5865068e (/usr/lib/libQt5Qml.so.5+0x1b468e)
#9 0x7f9e585ead2d in QV4::Function::call
#10 0x7f9e58766915 in QQmlJavaScriptExpression::evaluate
#11 0x7f9e5871962c in QQmlBoundSignalExpression::evaluate
#12 0x7f9e58719b10 (/usr/lib/libQt5Qml.so.5+0x27db10)
#13 0x7f9e5874a00c in QQmlNotifier::emitNotify
#14 0x7f9e57fb5904 (/usr/lib/libQt5Core.so.5+0x2ec904)
#15 0x7f9e586f76ea in QQmlVMEMetaObject::metaCall
#16 0x7f9e5874a56d (/usr/lib/libQt5Qml.so.5+0x2ae56d)
#17 0x7f9e5862f946 (/usr/lib/libQt5Qml.so.5+0x193946)
#18 0x7f9e58631f39 in QV4::QObjectMethod::callInternal
#19 0x7f9e5865f2f9 in QV4::Runtime::CallPropertyLookup::call
#20 0x7f9e399d9af1 (/memfd:JITCode:QtQml (deleted)+0xaf1)

AddressSanitizer can not provide additional info.
SUMMARY: AddressSanitizer: SEGV
==46184==ABORTING
```

No Symbols?, Unwinding Fails?  
You can still resort to:

»*Desperate-Stack-Reading*«



# Printing raw stack memory, garnished with symbols take everything with teaspoons of salt

```
(gdb) set print asm-demangle on
(gdb) x/300a $sp
0x7fffffff8db0: 0x3000000009      0x7fffffff8dc0
0x7fffffff8dc0: 0x0              0x0
0x7fffffff8dd0: 0x7fffffff8e70   0x7ffff694bd60 <QqmlPropertyPrivate::write(QObject*, QqmlPropertyData const&, QVariant const&, QqmlContextData*, QFlags<QqmlPropertyData::WriteFlag>)+448>
0x7fffffff8de0: 0x555555628a301  0x1
0x7fffffff8df0: 0x2              0x466a05fb69427e00
0x7fffffff8e00: 0x3              0x5555556272508
0x7fffffff8e10: 0x2              0x7fffffff8f10
0x7fffffff8e20: 0x555555f208e0   0x5555555e38db <ManualBrewing::qt_metacall(QMetaObject::Call, int, void**)+139>
0x7fffffff8e30: 0x2              0x200000010
0x7fffffff8e40: 0x7fffffff8ff0   0x1
0x7fffffff8e50: 0x555555f208e0   0x7ffff694bd60 <QqmlPropertyPrivate::write(QObject*, QqmlPropertyData const&, QVariant const&, QqmlContextData*, QFlags<QqmlPropertyData::WriteFlag>)+448>
0x7fffffff8e60: 0x55555562d6a01  0x466a05fb69420001
0x7fffffff8e70: 0x0              0x1
0x7fffffff8e80: 0x7ffff01316b8   0x7ffff0131700
0x7fffffff8e90: 0x7ffff0131708   0x7ffff01316e8
0x7fffffff8ea0: 0x7ffff01316b8   0xfe
0x7fffffff8eb0: 0x7ffff01316b8   0x7ffff6842ec6 <QV4::Object::insertMember(QV4::StringOrSymbol*, QV4::Property const*, QV4::PropertyAttributes)+70>
0x7fffffff8ec0: 0x0              0xf68427c8
0x7fffffff8ed0: 0x7ffeffffffff   0x466a05fb69427e00
0x7fffffff8ee0: 0x7f00ffffff      0x555555d7d000
0x7fffffff8ef0: 0x7ffff0131708   0x555555d7d000
0x7fffffff8f00: 0x7ffff0131700   0x466a05fb69427e00
0x7fffffff8f10: 0x7fffffff8ff0   0x0
0x7fffffff8f20: 0x7fffffff8ed0   0x7fffffff8ec0
0x7fffffff8f30: 0x555555d7d000   0x466a05fb69427e00
0x7fffffff8f40: 0x555555f208e0   0x7ffff01316b8
0x7fffffff8f50: 0x555555d7d000   0x7ffff0131610
0x7fffffff8f60: 0x555555f208e0   0x7fffffff8ff0
0x7fffffff8f70: 0x5555556272508  0x7ffff6877079 <QV4::QObjectWrapper::setProperty(QV4::ExecutionEngine*, QObject*, QqmlPropertyData*, QV4::Value const&)+2601>
0x7fffffff8f80: 0x7ffff01316b8   0x7ffff01316c8
0x7fffffff8f90: 0x7ffff01316d0   0x7fffffff9128
0x7fffffff8fa0: 0x1              0x555555ee4dc0
```

3. Signal Handlers can act when its already too late.

But they are limited  
– use them with care!

## They can be registered by `std::signal(...)`

```
1 #include <csignal>
2
3 void myHandler (int signum)
4 {
5     //...
6 }
7
8 int main()
9 {
10    //register Handler
11    std::signal(SIGSEGV, myHandler);
12
13    //...
14 }
```

... or POSIX `sigaction(...)` for a bit more elaborate infos on the signal

```
1 #include <signal.h>
2
3 void myHandler (int signum)
4 {
5     //...
6 }
7
8 int main()
9 {
10    struct sigaction mySigAction;
11
12    //set Handler
13    mySigAction.sa_handler = myHandler;
14
15    //register sigAction
16    sigaction(SIGSEGV, &mySigAction, NULL);
17
18    //...
19 }
```

```
typedef struct {
    int si_signo;
    int si_code;
    union signal si_value;
    int si_errno;
    pid_t si_pid;      Sender
    uid_t si_uid;     Info
    void *si_addr;
    int si_status;
    int si_band;
} siginfo_t;
//member of sigaction
```

## Signalhandlers / Crashhandlers look much like plain C code

```
3
4 static bool dumpCallback(const google_breakpad::MinidumpDescriptor& descriptor,
5                          void* context, bool succeeded) {
6
7     // start new process to turn of pump, heating, etc
8     // fork returns 0 for the child
9     if (fork()) {
10        printf("App Crashed. Dump can be found at: %s\n", descriptor.path());
11        const auto& stack = static_cast<ScreenManager*>(context)->getStack();
12        char* filename = strcat(const_cast<char*>(descriptor.path()), ".additional")
13        int screenStackTrace = open(filename, O_CREAT | O_WRONLY, 0644);
14        char buf[255];
15        const char* start = "{\\"Screenstack\\":\\"";
16        write(screenStackTrace, start, strlen(start));
17        for (const auto& entry : stack) {
18            snprintf(buf, sizeof (buf), "%s ", entry.toStdString().c_str());
19            write(screenStackTrace, buf, strlen(buf));
20        }
21        const char* end = "\}";
22        write(screenStackTrace, end, strlen(end));
23        close(screenStackTrace);
24    } else {
25        char* const argv[] = {(char*)"stop.sh", NULL};
26        execve("/opt/crash/SystemCrashHandler.sh", argv, NULL);
27    }
28    return succeeded;
29 }
```

# Things not allowed in the Signal Handler

- Heap allocations are forbidden, because not async-safe
- One is only permitted to execute “safe” operations
  - That is basically everything that **does not use malloc/free**
  - Check **man signal-safety** for it
  - Code looks much like pure C-Code then
- Be hyper-careful of *Crashes in Crash Handlers*.  
You have been warned :)

# Things allowed in the Signal Handler

- Start new processes (wow!)
- Obviously reading heap memory
- Send signal to self **raise(SIGNAL);**
- Most important for embedded: Reinststate safety in your embedded device
- Check out the KDABs *QML stack trace dumper [1]*.
  - Actually unsafe, because it allocates
  - but worth the gamble in development, its too late anyways, right?

[1] <https://github.com/KDAB/KDToolBox/tree/master/qt/qml/QmlStackTraceHelper>

# Watchdog-like processes can assist

# It makes sense to have Watchdogs out of the main execution Context

- There exist not only crashes, but also infinite loops
  - Idea: Reset an external watchdog periodically, infinite loops are detected
- It can make sense to inject SIGABRT from the outside
- A stack trace will be produced and loop analysis is possible

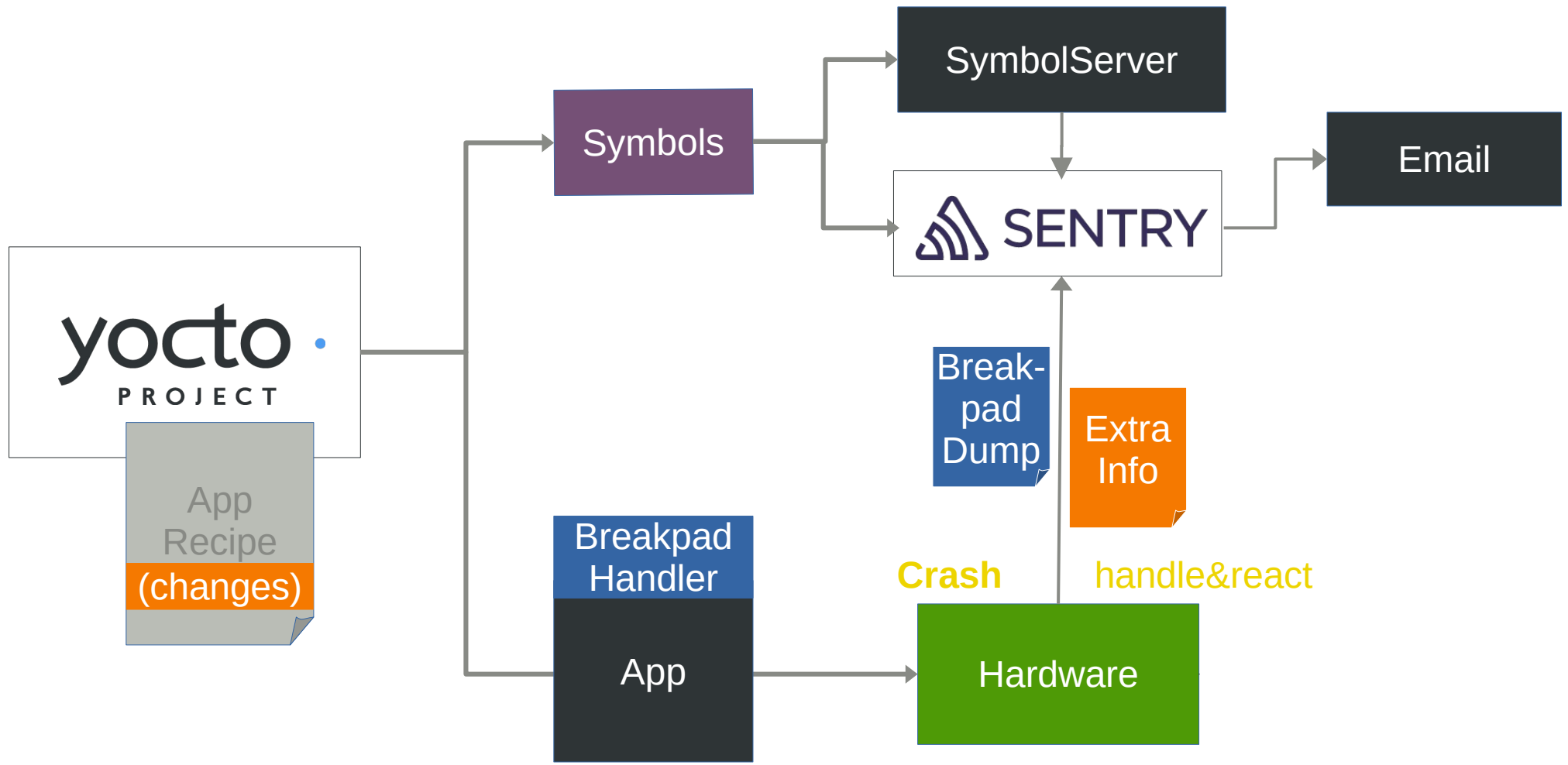


# The OOM(Out of Memory)-killer

- Most famous external source of an unwanted termination
- Based heuristics, kills programs to regain memory
- Stack dumps are of limited use in analysis here
  - Use `mallinfo()` or heap-snapshots to find out the reason of OOM
  - Maybe not your processes fault: write **`/proc/meminfo`** or the output of **`free`**
- Sends SIGKILL in rare cases also SIGTERM
  - Use the `sigaction()` registration to find out if OOM-killer was the sender

# In Practice: Google Breakpad + Sentry + Yocto

# General Architecture



# Integrate Google Breakpad into Yocto

- Breakpad Recipes included in meta-oe/recipes-devtools
  - Creates all cross-tools needed
  - Creates the header-only library needed for the custom Signal Handler
  - Provides a yocto .bbclass to be added to your app recipe
    - This then splits out symbols before app-binary is stripped by yocto
- Extras can be added in your individual app recipe





For the **other libs**, I use the yocto-built SDK, it contains split debug symbols in .debug folders

```
christoph@mareike /tmp $ ls $SDKTARGETSYSROOT/usr/lib/.debug/
e2initrd_helper          libgstinsertbin-1.0.so.0.1404.0  libQt53DInput.so.5.12.2
libarchive.so.13.3.3     libgstisoff-1.0.so.0.1404.0      libQt53DLogic.so.5.12.2
libasm-0.175.so          libgstmpegts-1.0.so.0.1404.0     libQt53DQuickAnimation.so.5.12.2
libasound.so.2.0.0       libgstnet-1.0.so.0.1404.0        libQt53DQuickExtras.so.5.12.2
libatomic.so.1.2.0       libgstpbutils-1.0.so.0.1404.0    libQt53DQuickInput.so.5.12.2
libbluetooth.so.3.18.16 libgstphotography-1.0.so.0.1404.0 libQt53DQuickRender.so.5.12.2
libbtrfs.so.0.1          libgstplayer-1.0.so.0.1404.0     libQt53DQuickScene2D.so.5.12.2
libbtrfsutil.so.1.0.0    libgststreamer-1.0.so.0.1404.0   libQt53DQuick.so.5.12.2
libbz2.so.1.0.6          libgststriff-1.0.so.0.1404.0     libQt53DRender.so.5.12.2
libcairo-gobject.so.2.11400.12 libgststrtp-1.0.so.0.1404.0      libQt5Bluetooth.so.5.12.2
libcairo-script-interpreter.so.2.11400.12 libgstrtsp-1.0.so.0.1404.0       libQt5Charts.so.5.12.2
```

Example for file **libQt5Core.so** : It is important, that debug info is present

```
christoph@mareike /tmp $ file $SDKTARGETSYSROOT/usr/lib/.debug/libQt5Core.so.5.12.2
/home/christoph/KDAB/Braumeister/sdk/sysroots/cortexa7t2hf-neon-fslc-linux-gnueabi/usr/lib/.debug/libQt5Core.so.5.12.2: ELF 32-bit LSB shared object, ARM, EABI5 version 1 (GNU/Linux), dynamically linked, BuildID[sha1]=ea22fbb2d6efcba010ba2cf02739cbe31cff7c7a, for GNU/Linux 4.11.0, with debug_info, not stripped
```

... from there it is uploaded like all syms with **sentry-cli**

```
christoph@mareike /tmp $ sentry-cli --url https://kddlabs.sentry.io/ .kdab.com/ --auth-token '461
7bd' upload-dif -o kdab -p Braumeister $SDKTARGETSYSROOT/usr/lib/.debug/libQt5Qml.so.5.12.2
> Found 1 debug information file
> Prepared debug information file for upload
> Uploaded 1 missing debug information file
> File upload complete:

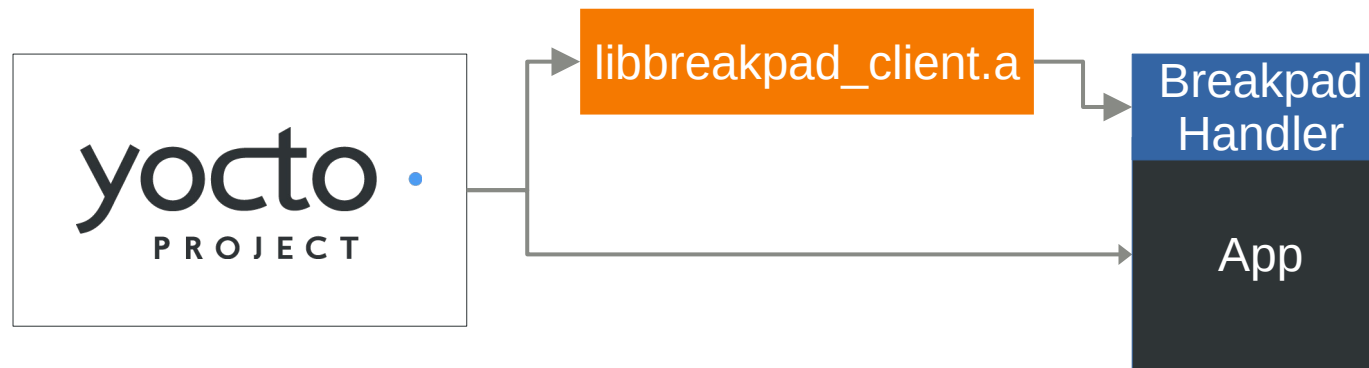
PENDING 286179fe-faec-82c0-7af9-97c1d4ad120d (libQt5Qml.so.5.12.2; arm debug companion)
christoph@mareike /tmp $
```

# More Infos on Google Breakpad

- Uses Minidumps
  - Originally envisioned by Microsoft
  - Similar to slim cores, but way smaller (around 20KiB)
  - Cross-platform (unix cores don't work on Windows, settled on minidump)
  - Splitting command: **dump\_syms executable > /path/to/destination.syms**
- Minidump comes with some useful tools
  - **minidump\_stackwalk**: Re-Combine Minidump+App+Symbols → get a stack
  - **minidump-2-core**: Converts dump to gdb-readable format
  - and more...

# Integrate Breakpad in your Code

- Breakpads library and headers are included in the new SDK when using it in any of your recipes
- Only 2 extra lines in main() are necessary to register
- Of course you can do more in your custom Handler





## Register the handler in your main(), pass any variables to be used

```
33
34 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
35 {
36 //...
37
38 #ifndef TARGET
39     google_breakpad::MinidumpDescriptor descriptor("/home/root/crashreports/");
40     google_breakpad::ExceptionHandler eh(descriptor, NULL, dumpCallback, screenManager, true, -1);
41 #endif
42
```

Register Breakpad  
Handler

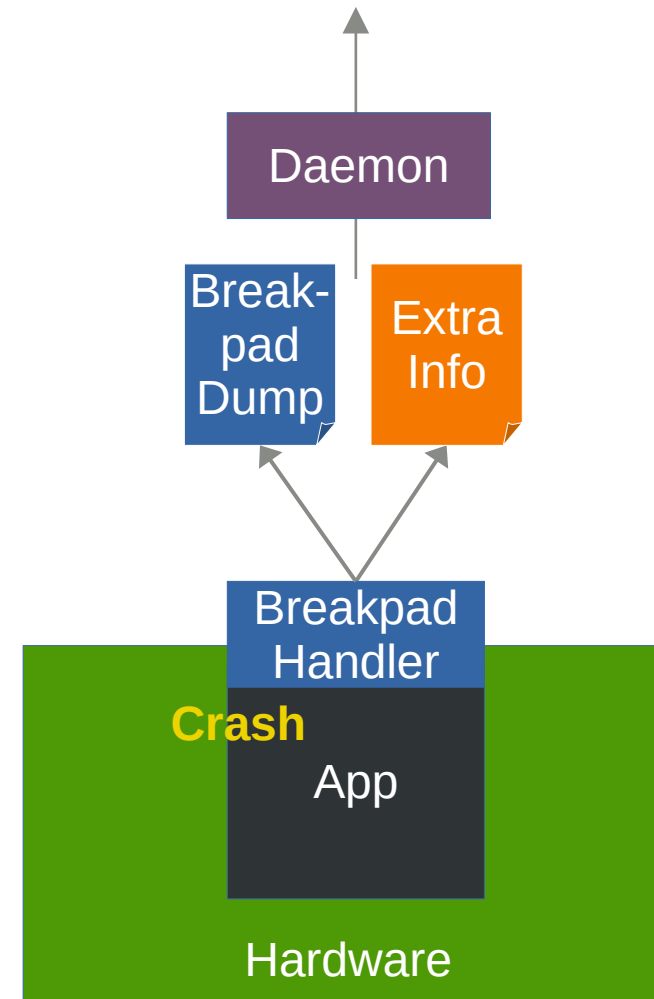
## Include Breakpad Header, Handle crashes and write extra information

```
1 #ifdef Target
2 //Breakpad Crashreporter
3 #include "client/linux/handler/exception_handler.h"
4
5 static bool dumpCallback(const google_breakpad::MinidumpDescriptor& descriptor,
6                          void* context, bool succeeded) {
7
8     // start new process to turn of pump, heating, etc
9     // fork returns 0 for child
10    if (fork()) {
11        printf("App Crashed. Dump can be found at: %s\n", descriptor.path());
12        const auto& stack = static_cast<ScreenManager*>(context)->getStack();
13        char* filename = strcat(const_cast<char*>(descriptor.path()), ".additional");
14        int screenStackTrace = open(filename, O_CREAT | O_WRONLY, 0644);
15        char buf[255];
16        const char* start = "{\\"Screenstack\\":\\"";
17        write(screenStackTrace, start, strlen(start));
18        for (const auto& entry : stack) {
19            snprintf(buf, sizeof (buf), "%s ", entry.toStdString().c_str());
20            write(screenStackTrace, buf, strlen(buf));
21        }
22        const char* end = "\\"}";
23        write(screenStackTrace, end, strlen(end));
24        close(screenStackTrace);
25    } else {
```

Write Extra  
Information

# Sending the Information

- Let a daemon check the crash folder for crashes
  - Not known if device has connectivity
  - Daemon checks periodically if a minidump is available
  - If allowed in the User-settings, Info is uploaded to the sentry server
- For now, no logs are uploaded, maybe in the future...



Snip from the Crashdaemon,  
A file watcher looks for crash data and uploads it, when possible  
Extra tag info is garnished for sentry

```
9
10 QFile additional(s_crashReportPath + filename + ".additional");
11 additional.open(QIODevice::ReadOnly);
12 const QByteArray tags = additional.readAll();
13 additional.close();
14
15 QFile crashreport(s_crashReportPath + filename);
16 crashreport.open(QIODevice::ReadOnly);
17 const QByteArray report = crashreport.readAll();
18 crashreport.close();
19
20 QHttpMultiPart* multipart = new QHttpMultiPart(QHttpMultiPart::FormDataType);
21
22 QHttpPart reportPart;
23 reportPart.setHeader(QNetworkRequest::ContentTypeHeader, QVariant("application/octet-stream"));
24 reportPart.setHeader(QNetworkRequest::ContentDispositionHeader, QVariant("form-data; name=\"upload_file_minidump\"; filename=\"" + filename + "\""));
25 reportPart.setBody(report);
26
27 QHttpPart jsonPart;
28 jsonPart.setHeader(QNetworkRequest::ContentDispositionHeader, QVariant("form-data; name=\"sentry\""));
29 jsonPart.setBody("{\"tags\": " + tags + "}");
30
31 multipart->append(reportPart);
32 multipart->append(jsonPart);
33
34 const QUrl uploadUrl(QUrl("https://          .kdab.com/api/3/minidump?sentry_key=13          e8"));
35 QNetworkRequest request(uploadUrl)
36 //...|
```

# Result: Sentry collects the Crashes

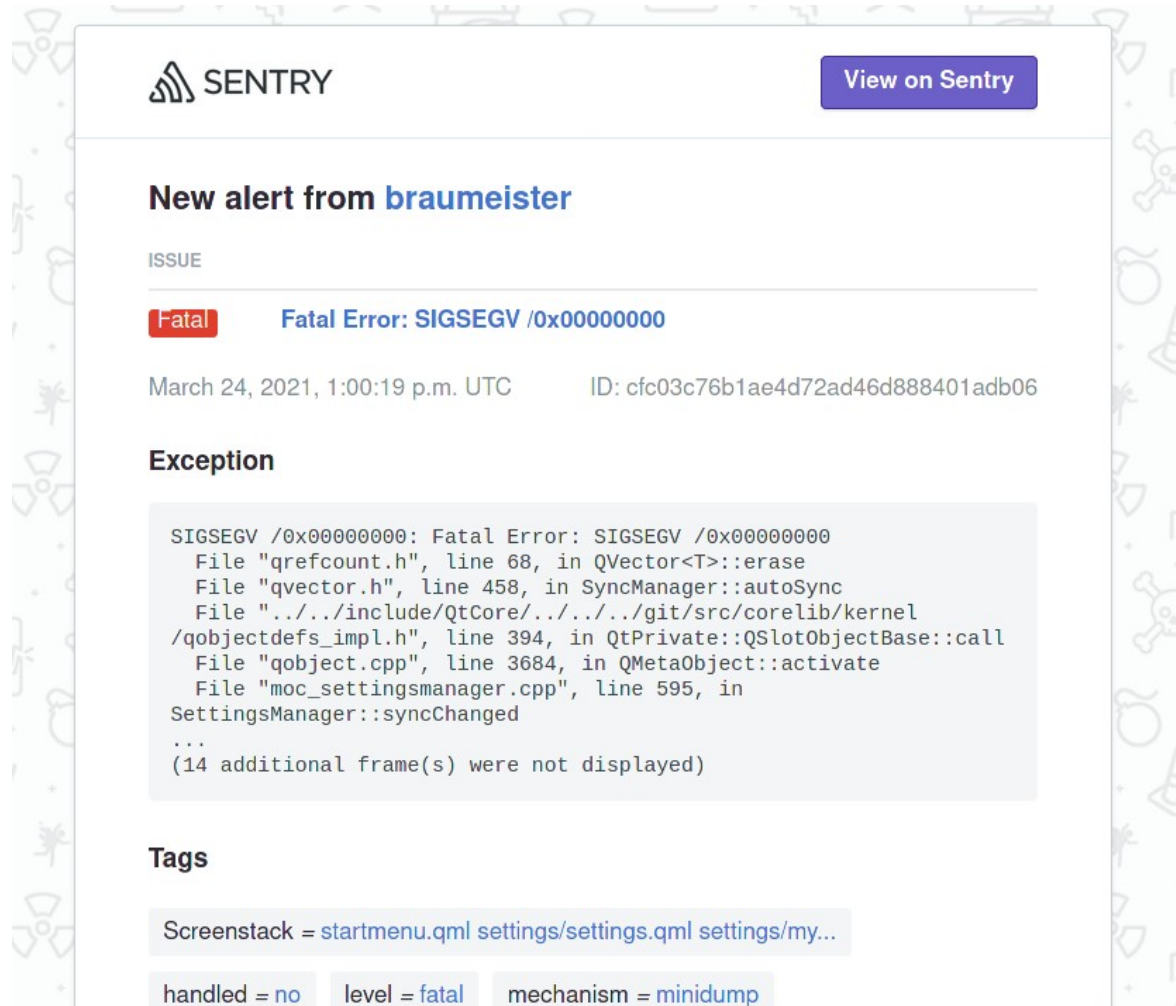
Issues (15) Sort by: Events Custom Search

	GRAPH:	24h 30d	EVENTS	USERS	ASSIGNEE
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>__GI___errno_location</b> in errno-loc.c <span>Unhandled Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000</span> BRAUMEISTER-T 15 days ago – a month old			4	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>_int_realloc</b> in malloc.c <span>Unhandled Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000</span> BRAUMEISTER-1A 17 days ago – 17 days old			3	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BrewTimer::isEnabled</b> in brewtimer.cpp <span>Unhandled Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000</span> BRAUMEISTER-18 25 days ago – 25 days old		<b>//Categorized</b>	3	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>_fini</b> <span>Unhandled Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000</span> BRAUMEISTER-Y a month ago – a month old			2	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>&lt;unknown&gt;</b> <span>Unhandled Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000</span> BRAUMEISTER-5 17 days ago – 2 months old			2	0	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>QVector&lt;T&gt;::erase</b> in qrefcount.h <span>Unhandled Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000</span> BRAUMEISTER-1G 17 days ago – 17 days old			1	0	





# Mail



The image shows a screenshot of an email notification from Sentry. At the top left is the Sentry logo, and at the top right is a button that says "View on Sentry". The main heading is "New alert from braumeister". Below this, the word "ISSUE" is written in a smaller font. The error is categorized as "Fatal" and is titled "Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000". The timestamp is "March 24, 2021, 1:00:19 p.m. UTC" and the ID is "cfc03c76b1ae4d72ad46d888401adb06". The "Exception" section contains a stack trace: "SIGSEGV /0x00000000: Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000", "File \"qrefcount.h\", line 68, in QVector<T>::erase", "File \"qvector.h\", line 458, in SyncManager::autoSync", "File \"../../../../include/QtCore/../../../../git/src/corelib/kernel/qobjectdefs\_impl.h\", line 394, in QtPrivate::QSlotObjectBase::call", "File \"qobject.cpp\", line 3684, in QMetaObject::activate", "File \"moc\_settingsmanager.cpp\", line 595, in SettingsManager::syncChanged", and "..." followed by "(14 additional frame(s) were not displayed)". The "Tags" section shows "Screenstack = startmenu.qml settings/settings.qml settings/my...", "handled = no", "level = fatal", and "mechanism = minidump".

**SENTRY** [View on Sentry](#)

## New alert from braumeister

ISSUE

**Fatal** Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000

March 24, 2021, 1:00:19 p.m. UTC ID: cfc03c76b1ae4d72ad46d888401adb06

### Exception

```
SIGSEGV /0x00000000: Fatal Error: SIGSEGV /0x00000000
File "qrefcount.h", line 68, in QVector<T>::erase
File "qvector.h", line 458, in SyncManager::autoSync
File "../../../../include/QtCore/../../../../git/src/corelib/kernel
/qobjectdefs_impl.h", line 394, in QtPrivate::QSlotObjectBase::call
File "qobject.cpp", line 3684, in QMetaObject::activate
File "moc_settingsmanager.cpp", line 595, in
SettingsManager::syncChanged
...
(14 additional frame(s) were not displayed)
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### Tags

Screenstack = startmenu.qml settings/settings.qml settings/my...

handled = no level = fatal mechanism = minidump

# More about Sentry

- Clustering of Crashes is configurable
- Supports many DumpFormats
  - Not in this talk: Sentry Native Dumps
- Supports external Symbol Servers
  - Some Companies (Microsoft, Autodesk, ...) offer symbols even for their closed-source products online
- Self-hosted, or ~25€/mo

GDPR?  
<Im not a lawyer>, but...



## On uploading crash(=user)data

- We run it for development/staging/testing only
- If production is involved, plan to make it opt-in for users
- Practically, stack information might contain all information

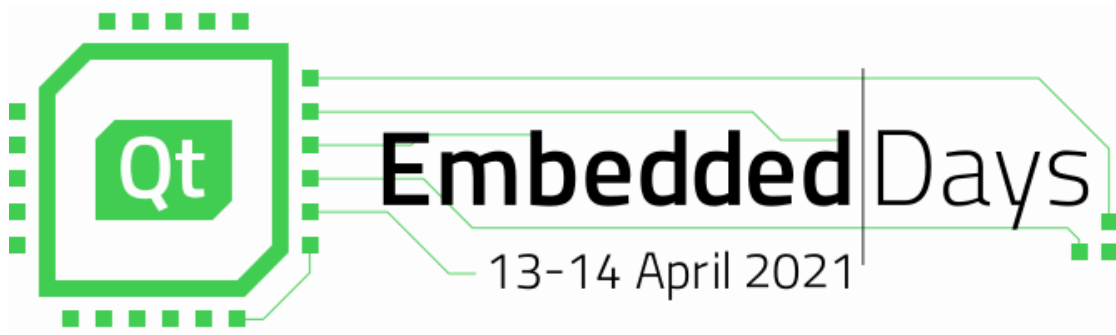
*If dumps are anonymous and your users know that telemetry is recorded and for what purpose the data is collected, one should be fine.*

*... </but I'm not a lawyer>*

- #1 Overall, there is still much one can do, when its already too late
- #2 I showed you classic ways in theory and one way I like in practice
- #3 Invest in learning from your crashes —it pays off plenty!

# Pointers and Sources

- *[Strip and unstrip Symbols]*  
<https://sourceware.org/elfutils/>
- *[4Byte Ferrite Core Memory for Arduino]*  
<https://www.tindie.com/products/kilpelaj/core-memory-shield-for-arduino/>
- *[Anatomy of a coredump]*  
<https://www.gabriel.urdhr.fr/2015/05/29/core-file/>
- *[Prerequisites for coredumps]*  
<https://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man5/core.5.html>
- *[Stacktraces with Backward-cpp]*  
<https://github.com/bombela/backward-cpp>
- *[Stacktraces from the Address the Sanitizer]*  
<https://clang.llvm.org/docs/AddressSanitizer.html>
- *[Handlers std::signal(...)]*  
<https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/utility/program/signal>
- *[Handlers Sigaction]*  
<https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799/functions/sigaction.html>
- *[Infos on OOM killer]*  
<https://docs.memset.com/other/linux-s-oom-process-killer>
- *[Breakpad Yocto Recipe]*  
<https://git.congatec.com/yocto/meta-openembedded/commit/a4657e4395e0714198c34f02c54043edb8baeafb>
- *[Mozilla Minidump Tools]*  
<https://github.com/mozilla-services/minidump-stackwalk>
- *[Sentry, Sentry-CLI]*  
<https://sentry.io>  
<https://docs.sentry.io/product/cli/>



# End Of Talk!

# I will answer all questions, AMA!

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