

The DTrace Cheatsheet

dtrace -n 'probe /predicate/ { action; }'

<http://wikis.sun.com/display/DTrace/Documentation>

FINDING PROBES

```
dtrace -l | grep foo          keyword search
dtrace -n 'fbt:::entry { @[probefunc] = count(); }' -c 'ping host'  frequency count
grep foo /opt/DTT/Bin/*      DTraceToolkit
```

PROBE ARGUMENTS

```
syscall:::      man syscallname
fbt:::          Kernel source
```

PROBES

```
BEGIN          program start
END            program end
tick-1sec     run once per sec, one CPU only
syscall::read*:entry  process reads
syscall::write*:entry process writes
syscall::open*:entry  file open
proc:::exec-success  process create
io:::start,io:::done  disk or NFS I/O request
lockstat:::adaptive-block  blocked thread acquired kernel mutex
sysinfo:::xcalls     cross calls
sched:::off-cpu     thread leaves CPU
fbt:::entry         entire kernel
profile-123      sample at 123Hz
perl*:::        Perl provider probes
javascript*:::    JavaScript provider probes
```

VARS

```
execname      on-CPU process name
pid, tid      on-CPU PID, Thread ID
cpu           CPU ID
timestamp     time, nanoseconds
vtimestamp    time thread was on-CPU, ns
arg0...N      probe args (uint64)
args[0]...[N] probe args (typed)
curthread     pointer to current thread
probemod      module name
probefunc     function name
probenam      probe name
self->foo     thread-local
this->foo     clause-local
$1...$N      CLI args, int
$$1...$$N    CLI args, str
$target      -p PID, -c command
curpsinfo     procs style process statistics
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ACTIONS

```
@agg[key1, key2] = count()  frequency count
@agg[key1, key2] = sum(var)  sum variable
@agg[key1, key2] = quantize(var)  power of 2 quantize variable
printf("format", var0...varN)  print vars; use printa() for aggrs
stack(num), ustack(num)      print num lines of kernel, user stack
func(pc), ufunc(pc)          return kernel, user func name from PC
clear(@)                     clear an aggregation
trunc(@, 5)                  truncate agg to top 5 entries
stringof(ptr)                string from kernel address
copyinstr(ptr)               string from user address
exit(0);                     exit dtrace
```

SWITCHES

```
-n          trace this probe description
-l          list probes instead of tracing them
-q          quiet; don't print default output
-s <file>  invoke script file, or at top of script: #!/usr/sbin/dtrace -s
-w          allow destructive actions
-p PID     allow pid::: provider to trace this pid; it's also $target
-c 'command'  have dtrace invoke this command
-o file     output to file
-x options   set various DTrace options (switchrate, bufsize...)
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PRAGMAS

```
#pragma D option quiet          same as -q, quiet output
#pragma D option destructive    same as -w, allow destructive actions
#pragma D option switchrate=10hz  print at 10Hz (instead of 1Hz)
#pragma D option bufsize=16m     set per-CPU buffer size (default 4m)
#pragma D option defaultargs     $1 is 0, $$1 is "", etc...
```

ONE-LINERS

```
dtrace -n 'proc:::exec-success { trace(curpsinfo->pr_psargs); }'
dtrace -n 'syscall:::entry { @num[execname] = count(); }'
dtrace -n 'syscall::open*:entry { printf("%s %s", execname, copyinstr(arg0)); }'
dtrace -n 'io:::start { @size = quantize(args[0]->b_bcount); }'
dtrace -n 'fbt:::entry { @calls[probemod] = count(); }'
dtrace -n 'sysinfo:::xcalls { @num[execname] = count(); }'
dtrace -n 'profile-1001 { @[stack()] = count() }'
dtrace -n 'profile-101 /pid == $target/ { @[ustack()] = count() }' -p PID
dtrace -n 'syscall:::entry { @num[probefunc] = count(); }'
dtrace -n 'syscall::read*:entry { @[fds[arg0].fi_pathname] = count(); }'
dtrace -n 'vminfo:::as_fault { @mem[execname] = sum(arg0); }'
dtrace -n 'sched:::off-cpu /pid == $target/ { @[stack()] = count(); }' -p PID
dtrace -n 'pid$target:libfoo:::entry { @[probefunc] = count(); }' -p PID
```